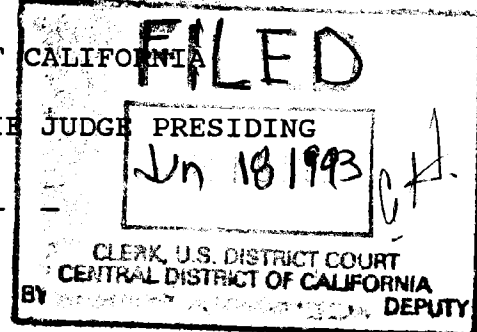


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1 LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1992; 9:30 AM

2 (Jury in)

3 THE COURT: Good morning.

4 THE COURTROOM: Good morning, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Call the next witness for the  
6 government.

7 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, at this time the  
8 government would call Mr. Horacio Ayala to the stand.

9 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

10 HORACIO AYALA, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

11 THE WITNESS: I do.

12 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

14 THE CLERK: Please state your full name for the  
15 record and spell your last name.

16 THE WITNESS: My name is Horacio, last name Ayala,  
17 A-Y-A-L-A.

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY MR. MEDRANO:

20 Q Mr. Ayala, who are you employed by, sir?

21 A The Drug Enforcement Administration.

22 Q How long have you served with the D.E.A.?

23 A Since 1973.

24 Q Approximately 19 years?

25 A Approximately 19 years.

1 Q And your current assignment?

2 A I'm the Assistant Special Agent in charge of the  
3 Denver Office in Denver, Colorado.

4 Q In that capacity, how many agents do you supervise?

5 A Approximately 55 agents.

6 Q Any other law enforcement experience, other than  
7 working with the D.E.A.?

8 A I was assigned to the Customs Agency Service from 1971  
9 to 1973.

10 Q Mr. Ayala, let me direct your attention to the month  
11 of February of 1985.

12 Sir, were you involved or part of the  
13 investigative team regarding the disappearance of Special  
14 Agent Enrique Camarena?

15 A Yes, sir, I was.

16 Q And let me direct your attention more specifically to  
17 about February 11th of 1985.

18 On this particular date, did you participate in  
19 any searches in Guadalajara?

20 A Yes, sir, I did.

21 Q Before I forget, did you know Enrique Camarena before  
22 February of '85?

23 A Yes, sir, I did.

24 Q When did you meet him?

25 A I met Enrique Camarena the first time in Operation

1 Funnel in 1976.

2 Q So what happens on February 11th?

3 A On February the 11th, I was called to assist the  
4 Mexican Federal Judicial Police in searching a home in  
5 Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, at the street of Mixcoatal.

6 Q Mixcoatal?

7 A Mixcoatal, yes, sir.

8 Q Were there any Mexican authorities accompanying you  
9 for this search?

10 A Yes, sir, there were.

11 Q From what agency?

12 A The Mexican Federal Judicial Police.

13 Q Were there any other D.E.A. agents accompanying you?

14 A Yes, sir, there were two, as far as I can remember.

15 Q Who was in charge of the M.F.J.P. for the search?

16 A Comandante Armando Pavon-Reyes.

17 Q What happens when you arrived at the residence?

18 A When we arrived at the residence, the Mexican Federal  
19 Judicial Police secured the residence, entered the home,  
20 and proceeded to conduct a search of that residence.

21 Q Was anyone located at the residence when you and the  
22 M.F.J.P. arrived?

23 A Yes, sir. There was a female who identified herself  
24 as Elvira Murrillo de Felix.

25 Q Who is that?



1 A She was the wife of Miguel Felix-Gallardo, a known  
2 trafficker.

3 Q Were there any men present to arrest when you arrived?

4 A No, sir, not that I can remember.

5 Q Did you actually participate yourself in the search of  
6 the residence?

7 A Yes, sir, I did. I assisted the Mexican Federal  
8 Judicial Police.

9 Q Now, can you tell us the results of your search?

10 A Yes, sir. In one of the rooms at the house that was  
11 identified by Elvira Murrillo de Felix as the private  
12 office of Miguel Felix-Gallardo, we searched that office,  
13 and I remember that Comandante Espino reached behind him,  
14 there was some book shelves at the office, he reached up  
15 and grabbed a handbag. He retrieved that handbag, and as  
16 he did so, there was a couple of pieces of documents, as  
17 well as a photograph that fell to the floor.

18 I reached down to obtain the photograph, and it  
19 was a photograph of Enrique Camarena.

20 Q Now, if I can ask you to look in this black book  
21 directly in front of you, go to Exhibit 22. It's more  
22 towards the beginning. Twenty-two.

23 A Thirty-two?

24 Q Twenty-two.

25 A Yes, sir.

1 Q Can you tell me what that is?

2 A Yes, sir. This is a photograph of Enrique Camarena.  
3 The photograph that was found at the office of Miguel  
4 Felix-Gallardo.

5 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, we move its admission.

6 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

7 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 22 received.)

8 MR. MEDRANO: One moment, Your Honor.

9 That concludes direct.

10 THE COURT: Very good.

11 Any questions for this witness?

12 CROSS-EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. MEDVENE:

14 Q How long, Agent Ayala, were you in Guadalajara working  
15 on the investigation involving Enrique Camarena's  
16 disappearance?

17 A The first time, sir, I was only there for two months;  
18 and subsequently, I took over the office in Guadalajara and  
19 I was there for two-and-a-half years, from 1985 to 1988.

20 Q And what was the approximate number of agents, to your  
21 knowledge, the approximate number of the D.E.A. agents that  
22 assisted, to your knowledge, in the investigation of Mr.  
23 Camarena's disappearance from February 8 through the rest  
24 of the year?

25 A I don't quite remember, sir. There were 12, 14. I

1 really couldn't tell you how many, because they came in and  
2 they left and they came in and left, so I really couldn't  
3 tell you how many there were, but there were many. There  
4 were several.

5 Q A large number?

6 A I would say, yes.

7 Q And an intensive investigation?

8 A Very intensive.

9 Q There were rewards, to your knowledge, offered for  
10 anyone with information with regard to the kidnapping?

11 A Yes, sir, there was.

12 Q These rewards were publicized?

13 A Yes, sir, they were.

14 Q Now, at the search of Felix-Gallardo's house, you  
15 found no photo of Mr. Zuno, did you?

16 A No, sir, we didn't.

17 Q No items connecting Mr. Zuno to Felix-Gallardo; isn't  
18 that correct?

19 A That is correct.

20 MR. MEDVENE: Thank you, very much.

21 CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. RUBIN:

23 Q Agent Ayala, during the course of the investigation,  
24 did the amount of the awards ever increase?

25 A I don't recall that it did, sir, but I couldn't be

1 sure.

2 Q Do you know the name of the person who was responsible  
3 for handling the reward aspect and the money aspect of the  
4 investigation?

5 A The responsibility fell to Mr. Ed Heath. He was the  
6 country attache at that time. Ed Heath.

7 Q Ed Keith?

8 A Heath.

9 Q Heath.

10 And do you know where Mr. Heath is located today?

11 A I believe that he is in charge of the Intelligence  
12 Unit in El Paso, EPIC.

13 Q Still in the D.E.A.?

14 A Yes, sir, he is.

15 Q And during the search of Mr. Gallardo's home, did you  
16 find any photographs or information concerning Dr. Humberto  
17 Alvarez-Machain?

18 A No, sir, we didn't.

19 MR. RUBIN: No further questions.

20 THE COURT: Any redirect?

21 MR. MEDRANO: No redirect, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: You may step down.

23 (Witness excused.)

24 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

25 MR. CARLTON: Government calls Victor Wallace.

1 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

2 VICTOR WALLACE, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

3 THE WITNESS: I do.

4 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

5 State your full name for the record and spell your  
6 last name.

7 THE WITNESS: My name is Victor D. Wallace,  
8 W-A-L-L-A-C-E.

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. CARLTON:

11 Q Mr. Wallace, what is your present employment?

12 A I'm a Criminal Investigator with the Drug Enforcement  
13 Administration.

14 Q How long have you been employed by the D.E.A.?

15 A Approximately 18 years.

16 Q Since 1974?

17 A Since 1974.

18 Q And before working for the D.E.A., did you have any  
19 other law enforcement experience?

20 A Prior to coming on with the D.E.A., I was with the  
21 Imperial County Sheriff's Office for 15 years.

22 Q At some point during your career with the D.E.A., were  
23 you assigned to its Guadalajara Office?

24 A Yes. In September 1st, 1984 I arrived at the  
25 Guadalajara Office for my new assignment.

1 Q How long did you work there?

2 A Approximately one year.

3 Q Did you know Enrique Camarena?

4 A Yes, I knew him very well. We both grew up in the  
5 City of Calexico, California. I was 10 years older than  
6 Kiki was, but we both grew up there.

7 Q Did you ever work with him?

8 A Yes. Prior to coming on D.E.A. in 1974, we worked  
9 together with the Imperial County Narcotics Task Force.

10 Q And do you know whether before working with the  
11 Imperial County Narcotics Task Force, Enrique Camarena had  
12 any prior law enforcement experience?

13 A Yes. He came on to the Imperial Sheriff's Office from  
14 the Calexico Police Department.

15 Q Let me draw your attention to February 8th of 1985.

16 Did you receive a telephone call that morning?

17 A Yes. At approximately 6:30 a.m. on the 8th of  
18 February, I received a call from Mrs. Camarena inquiring as  
19 to the whereabouts of Kiki Camarena.

20 Q Did you know those whereabouts?

21 A No, I did not. I told her I would check into it and  
22 call her back.

23 Q And what did you do at that point?

24 A Well, I felt maybe there was something wrong, so I  
25 called my agent in charge. It would be James Kuykendall,

1 and advised him of the call from Mrs. Camarena.

2 Q Did you assist in looking for Agent Camarena on that  
3 day, February 8th?

4 A Yes. What I did is I went directly to the Mexican  
5 Federal Judicial Police Office. Mr. Kuykendall went to the  
6 U.S. Consulate.

7 Q What happened when you got to the M.F.J.P. Office?

8 A When I arrived at the M.F.J.P. Office, there was only  
9 one M.F.J.P. agent there. He told me the rest of the  
10 office --

11 THE COURT: Let me move this.

12 THE WITNESS: Okay.

13 THE COURT: I'm sorry.

14 THE WITNESS: Okay. The M.F.J.P. agent told me  
15 the rest of the agents at that headquarters had gone to  
16 Colima on an investigation.

17 BY MR. CARLTON:

18 Q Did you make any other efforts on that day to find  
19 Agent Camarena?

20 A Yes. I advised this M.F.J.P. agent that we believed  
21 that Kiki was missing, that something was wrong, so he and  
22 I started checking the hospitals. We checked a couple  
23 hospitals, and I even went to the morgue. I believe it was  
24 that day or the following day. I went to the morgue to  
25 check the bodies there.

1 Q At some point, did you actually stay with Mrs.  
2 Camarena for a period?

3 A Yes. On the 8th, that evening, I suggested, and she  
4 was willing, to have me and family stay with her at her  
5 house until we heard something positive, and also I'd be  
6 liaison between Mrs. Camarena and the office to let her  
7 know whatever was going on, and for security purposes.

8 Q How long did that arrangement continue?

9 A I stayed there several months after the 8th and 9th,  
10 and I would get out once in a while to go in the field and  
11 help out with the investigation.

12 Q Let me draw your attention then to early March of  
13 1985.

14 Did you have occasion to go to the neighboring  
15 state of Michoacan in relation to this investigation?

16 A Yes. That was on March 6th, 1985. I was assigned to  
17 go to the Bravo family ranch. It was in the adjoining  
18 state of Michoacan.

19 Q Are you certain it was March 6th?

20 A As far as I can recollect, it was March 6 -- 5th or  
21 6th. I believe it was March 6. It was the day that Agent  
22 Camarena's body was found, I believe.

23 Q What did you do and why did you go to Michoacan?

24 A Well, the purpose of myself and another agent, Bobby  
25 Hernandez from D.E.A., accompanied approximately 30



1 M.F.J.P. agents and their helpers, known as Madrinas, to go  
2 to the Bravo Ranch. It was cause information that received  
3 that possibly Agent Camarena's body was buried behind the  
4 ranch in the orchards or on the property itself.

5 Q And did you and these other individuals search the  
6 ranch?

7 A Yes. We searched the ranch and we took shovels, and  
8 we dug around the trees, and in the back fields which  
9 appeared to be like an alfalfa field. There was also some  
10 dirt land belonging to that property, and we dug in soft  
11 spots and everything in search of Agent Camarena's body  
12 according to the information that they had received.

13 Q How long did you continue doing that?

14 A We did that most of the day. In fact, we left  
15 approximately 5:00 p.m. that evening, without success.

16 Q Agent Wallace, I'd ask you to look in the book in  
17 front of you at what has been marked as Exhibits 23-A  
18 through D. Actually, only C and D may be in the books. A  
19 and B, I believe, are on the cart next to you.

20 A 23-C?

21 Q Um-um.

22 A I have before me 23-C and 23-D.

23 Q I believe A and B are larger items on the cart  
24 immediately to your right.

25 A Do you want me to put them up here?

1 Q Do you --

2 A This is 23-A.

3 Q Do you recognize that?

4 A Yes. This is the residence of the Bravo family. This  
5 portion right here (indicating) is the entrance to the  
6 orchards and the alfalfa field, and the other property to  
7 the rear of this Bravo residence is where we dug in search  
8 of Agent Camarena's body.

9 Q Do you see 23-B?

10 A This is 23-B.

11 Q Is that the rear of the same residence?

12 A Yes. This is the rear of the residence, and here's  
13 the entrance I pointed out here, the side, and the rear is  
14 here (indicating).

15 Q And 23-C and D, do you recognize those two?

16 A Yes, 23-C, this one here, it's also the picture of the  
17 residence of the Bravo family.

18 Q And D also?

19 A And also D, 23-D.

20 Q If you would look at what has been marked as Exhibits  
21 24-A through E in the book.

22 A Okay. Exhibit 24-A is a picture of several M.F.J.P.  
23 agents digging in the rear of the Bravo Ranch.

24 Q On the day that you were there?

25 A On March 6th, on the day I was there.

1 Q Generally looking through all of that group of  
2 pictures, what do those pictures depict?

3 A Okay. Continue this. There's also a picture here of  
4 us digging in the alfalfa -- what I feel was the alfalfa  
5 field -- throughout the area looking for soft spots,  
6 looking for Agent Camarena's body according to the  
7 information.

8 Another picture, around the alfalfa field and the  
9 sides of the alfalfa field. We're all spread out with  
10 shovels, looking for Agent Camarena's body.

11 Also the orchards, right immediately behind the  
12 Bravo family ranch. The trees and then a bare spot before  
13 the orchards, and agents looking through the orchards.

14 Okay. This is the picture of the bare  
15 uncultivated land, just the dirt, and agents all over  
16 the -- this particular property looking for Agent  
17 Camarena's body.

18 And that's the end of the pictures.

19 MR. CARLTON: Move the admission of 23-A through  
20 D, and 24-A through E, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

22 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 23-A through 23-D  
23 and 24-A through 24-E received.)

24 BY MR. CARLTON:

25 Q Agent Wallace, at the time you were looking on this

1 ranch, Agent Camarena's body had not been found, had it?

2 A No, it had not been found; and we stopped our project  
3 approximately 5:00 o'clock, 5:00 p.m. and departed the  
4 area.

5 Q How long after that did you learn that his body had  
6 been found?

7 A I learned the following day from the agents at the  
8 office that Agent Camarena's body was found that same day,  
9 the day I was there, only a little -- hour-and-a-half --  
10 approximately an hour-and-a-half after we left.

11 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further.

12 THE COURT: Do you have any questions for this  
13 witness?

14 MR. MEDVENE: Just a few, Your Honor.

15 CROSS-EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. MEDVENE:

17 Q How long were you in Guadalajara working on the  
18 investigation of Enrique Camarena's disappearance?

19 A From February 8th, 1985, until I was reassigned to  
20 come back to the States, the United States, to San Diego,  
21 California, and I reported approximately September 1st,  
22 1985.

23 Q You worked virtually full time on the disappearance  
24 and trying to uncover evidence of who caused the  
25 kidnapping?

1 A That's correct. And mostly I was with Mrs. Camarena  
2 and her children, comforting her and acting as liaison. If  
3 any news about Kiki came up, they would call me and I would  
4 advise her.

5 Q Were you involved in a number of searches?

6 A No, I was not. I was mostly involved in this Bravo  
7 Ranch, and I did on my own go to different residences of  
8 suspected traffickers that we knew, and that's about what I  
9 did, other than stay with Mrs. Camarena.

10 Q What residences did you go to?

11 A Well, on the 8th of February, as far as I can  
12 recollect, that evening or on the end or on the 9th of  
13 February 9th, 1985, I had gone to the Hotel Americana, next  
14 to the Hyatt Hotel. I went to the residence that -- I  
15 don't remember the streets, but that allegedly belonged to  
16 either Caro-Quintero or Ernesto Fonseca, and I went to the  
17 Felix-Gallardo residence. Of course, I didn't go on these  
18 properties. I drove by to see if I could see any  
19 activities. It was mostly drive-bys.

20 MR. MEDVENE: I have nothing further, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Do you have anything?

22 MR. RUBIN: No questions.

23 THE COURT: Redirect?

24 MR. CARLTON: Nothing, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: You may step down.

1 (Witness excused.)

2 THE COURT: Next witness, please.

3 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, the government would  
4 call Joseph Gonzales to the stand.

5 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

6 JOSEPH GONZALES, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

7 THE WITNESS: I do.

8 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

9 State your full name for the record and spell your  
10 last name.

11 THE WITNESS: Joseph Gonzales, G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-S.

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. MEDRANO:

14 Q Mr. Gonzales, you are a D.E.A. agent?

15 A Yes, sir, I am.

16 Q How long have you served in that capacity?

17 A A little over 22 years now.

18 Q Your current position is where?

19 A I'm a Group Supervisor stationed in San Ysidro,  
20 California.

21 Q In your current position, do you supervise agents?

22 A I have a task force of approximately 12 agents. It's  
23 a combined task force, involving D.E.A.,  
24 San Diego Police, State Narcotics and other Federal  
25 agencies.

1 Q Mr. Gonzales, prior to 1985, did you know Kiki  
2 Camarena?

3 A Yes, I did. I met him when he was stationed in  
4 Calexico in the early '70's.

5 Q I'd like to direct your attention, Agent Gonzales, to  
6 February of '85.

7 What is your assignment at that timeframe?

8 A During February of '85, February 9th of '85, I arrived  
9 in Guadalajara, Mexico from San Diego. I was a Senior  
10 Special Agent in San Diego at the time.

11 Q And the reason for going to Guadalajara, or to Mexico?

12 A I was sent to Guadalajara temporary duty in an attempt  
13 to locate Special Agent Camarena, who at that time was  
14 missing.

15 Q On this date are other agents flying in as well?

16 A Yes. There were other agents arriving in Guadalajara  
17 from other points in the United States and other parts of  
18 Mexico.

19 Q Let me direct your attention now, sir, to around  
20 March 6th of 1985.

21 On that date where are you?

22 A I am still in Guadalajara, Mexico.

23 Q And can you tell us what happens on this day?

24 A The early morning of March 6th, I -- prior to going to  
25 work, I was listening to a Mexican news television, and

1 they had a -- about 7:00 a.m. they had a news report that  
2 two bodies had been found in the neighboring state of  
3 Michoacan, and they believed that these bodies were the  
4 bodies of Special Agent Camarena and Mr. Zavala.

5 Q Michoacan, the state, is that immediately adjacent to  
6 the State of Jalisco?

7 A Yes, it is.

8 Q Well, what do you do next?

9 A Well, we proceeded to the office, and once we arrived  
10 in the office, Mr. Ed Heath, who was the Country Attache of  
11 D.E.A. in Mexico, had been summoned to the Mexican Federal  
12 Judicial Police Office, and they asked him to bring two  
13 other agents with him. I accompanied Mr. Heath, along with  
14 Special Agent Robert Castillo. We proceeded to the  
15 M.F.J.P. Office.

16 Q What happens at the M.F.J.P. Office?

17 A At the office, we were met by Mexico Federal Police  
18 Comandante who told us that they wanted us to go to the  
19 State of Michoacan to look at the bodies that had been  
20 discovered there, and they took us via car to the  
21 Guadalajara Airport where they had a waiting helicopter  
22 there.

23 We got into the helicopter and we had to wait for  
24 about 15, 20 minutes for the arrival of the Personal  
25 Secretary of the Director of the M.F.J.P. who arrived from



1 Mexico City. He had a video camera with him and -- a 35  
2 millimeter camera. I can't remember the man's name.

3 Q Do you ultimately leave the Guadalajara Airport?

4 A Yes, we did. We went via helicopter to the City of  
5 Zamora, Michoacan which is about 70 to 75 miles southeast  
6 of Guadalajara. We landed in the City of Zamora in the  
7 helicopter.

8 Q Let me stop you there, Agent Gonzales.

9 The month of February in '85, you were part of the  
10 investigative team; is that correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Working very hard?

13 A Yes.

14 Q You were searching for Camarena?

15 A We were searching for Camarena. We were following up  
16 every possible lead that we could.

17 Q Had you ever apprised your Mexican counterparts that  
18 at a minimum, you wanted the bodies if they could be found?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And you made that known to the Mexican authorities?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now, what happens when you arrive via helicopter in  
23 Zamora?

24 A We arrived via helicopter. We are met by a  
25 contingency of M.F.J.P. agents, and we were transported to

1 the Red Cross Hospital or morgue in the City of Zamora.

2 Q And this is in the State of Michoacan?

3 A Yes, it is.

4 Q What happens next, Agent Gonzales?

5 A When we arrived at this location, we are met by the  
6 M.F.J.P. Comandante in charge of the Mexican investigation  
7 into the location of Camarena.

8 A gentleman by the name of Pavon-Reyes. He met us  
9 outside and escorted us into the morgue, into a large  
10 passageway, and took us to -- showed us the location. He  
11 had two sheets spread out on the ground. Each sheet had a  
12 sign on it. One had "Cadaver 1," "Cadaver 2," and on the  
13 sheets there was a pile of clothing and there were other  
14 items on each sheet.

15 Q Well, were these piles of clothing associated with  
16 each particular cadaver?

17 A Yes. Mr. Pavon, when we arrived, explained to us that  
18 the previous evening -- it would be sometime in the  
19 afternoon or evening of March 5th -- these cadavers had  
20 been found close to the Bravo Ranch, and each cadaver  
21 had -- the clothing that were on these sheets, were the  
22 clothing that the cadavers allegedly were clad in when they  
23 were found.

24 Q Now, Mr. Gonzales, let me direct you to the body or  
25 Cadaver 1. I want you to just focus on that for a moment,

1 and I want you to focus on the clothing for Cadaver 1.

2 Can you tell us what attire or clothing that  
3 consisted of?

4 A Cadaver 1 consisted of a pair of light blue denim  
5 trousers, a pair of boxer shorts. There was a T-shirt, I  
6 think it was a sweatshirt, a short sleeve, light colored  
7 button shirt, a pair of socks. There was some rope ties.  
8 Rope ties, Venetian blind rope, a small brown rope, and  
9 there were loops on them. There were four loops, and they  
10 appeared to be cut, two loops together in one section and  
11 then they had a string going down and two loops together on  
12 the other section. And there were also --

13 Q Let me stop you there for a second.

14 A string?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And two loops at the end of each string?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Or a Venetian blind rope, I'm sorry?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, what was the condition of these materials that  
21 you found?

22 A The condition, they were dirty, they were brown and  
23 dirty. It was filthy.

24 Q Anything else you found associated with that clothing?

25 A There was some gauze and some tape.

1 Q Let me have you focus on the second pile of clothing  
2 for body or Cadaver 2.

3 A Yes.

4 Q Can you tell me what clothing that consisted of?

5 A That consisted of a pair of jockey shorts and the rope  
6 ties.

7 Q Were the rope ties, were they similar to the previous  
8 ones you described?

9 A Yes, they were.

10 Q Anything else you found?

11 A There was gauze there and some tape. It appeared to  
12 be blindfolds.

13 Q Okay. Anything else, Agent Gonzales?

14 A Yes. There were -- there was a sheet or a shower  
15 curtain with a green floral design on it there, and also --  
16 there was also some white plastic fertilizer bags made of  
17 thick plastic. It had the green lettering on them in  
18 Spanish, and it had "fertilizer" on it.

19 Mr. Pavon-Reyes represented to us that the  
20 cadavers had been contained inside these bags of  
21 fertilizer.

22 Q The material for these plastic bags, describe that?

23 A It was a thick plastic.

24 Q Was it a transparent plastic?

25 A No. No, it was not.

1 Q The pile of clothing for Cadaver 2, what was the  
2 condition of those materials?

3 A There was -- it was dirty. It was dirty brown. It  
4 was very dirty.

5 Q Incidentally, for Pile 2, for Cadaver 2, did you ever  
6 find any blindfold there?

7 A Yes. The blindfold was there. It was a gauze and  
8 some tape.

9 Q Now, what happens after this initial viewing that you  
10 made?

11 A We were taken to a room by some Mexican doctors that  
12 were there, and we were shown two cadavers in this room,  
13 and the doctors there explained what their findings of  
14 their examination of the cadavers had been.

15 Q Can you describe exactly the location of the remains?

16 A Cadaver 1 was on a cement slab about two feet off the  
17 ground, and Cadaver 2 was on a higher slab, about three  
18 feet off the ground. It was a cement slab. Both bodies  
19 were laid out there on their back.

20 Q Let's talk about the body on the high slab. Brief  
21 description, if you can.

22 A It was a cadaver of a Hispanic male, 35 to 40 years of  
23 age. The body was decomposed. The face was  
24 unrecognizable. It appeared to be in a mummified state.  
25 The skull was crushed. It was an indentation of the skull.

1 The right hand around the forearm appeared to -- the right  
2 arm appeared to be broken. The skin was broken. There  
3 were lesions on the wrist and on the ankles of the body.

4 Q The second -- I'm sorry, is there anything else about  
5 that body?

6 A No.

7 The second cadaver appeared to be also of an  
8 Hispanic male, and he was -- appeared to be in his  
9 mid-50's. You could tell the body of the person had been  
10 obese, and he also had lesions to his wrist and he was  
11 decomposed also, but he had more facial features than the  
12 other cadaver.

13 Q Were you able to tell who that was?

14 A Well, no. No, I couldn't.

15 Q Was this second body also in this mummified state?

16 A Yes, it was.

17 Q Now, at any point, Agent Gonzales, do you leave the  
18 morgue?

19 A Yes, we do. We left the morgue shortly after we were  
20 shown the cadavers and we were briefed by the doctors, and  
21 then we were escorted by the M.F.J.P. in their vehicles to  
22 the site where the cadavers were found.

23 Q Can I stop you there.

24 Who is it that's taking you there?

25 A The M.F.J.P. in their vehicles. It would be

1 Comandante Pavon. Comandante Espino is there. As a matter  
2 of fact, I rode in the vehicle with Comandante Espino.

3 Q All right. Where do you go?

4 A We proceed, it would be northwest, I believe, on the  
5 road towards -- the road between Zamora and Guadalajara,  
6 and we proceed to the site where the bodies were found,  
7 which is about 1,500 yards southeast of the Bravo Ranch.

8 Q Fifteen hundred yards southeast of the ranch?

9 A Yes.

10 Q What side of the road were you taken to?

11 A That was on the north side of the road about, between  
12 eight to fifteen yards from the road side.

13 Q And again, the approximate distance from Guadalajara  
14 is what?

15 A To that location, it's about 60 to 65 miles.

16 Q Now, would you tell us what you found when you arrived  
17 at the scene?

18 A There was a lot of people milling around there. There  
19 didn't appear to be any attempt by the M.F.J.P. to protect  
20 the site at all. There was a lot of newspaper reporters  
21 and just a lot of people milling around the area.

22 Q Did you have an opportunity to examine that site?

23 A Yes, I did. I examined the site. I went over -- you  
24 could still smell the decomposition of the bodies. That  
25 odor was still lingering.

1           There was also pieces of hair in the underbrush of  
2 the area.

3       Q     This area, this road, did it appear to you to be a  
4 well-traveled road?

5       A     Yes. It's an agricultural area. There are farms  
6 throughout the area, and it's a well-traveled road,  
7 especially by the farmers going to and from their fields.

8       Q     Incidentally, did you ascertain if there was any body  
9 fluids of any sort in that area?

10      A     I didn't see any.

11      Q     Based on the absence of any blood fluids, did you form  
12 an opinion as to whether or not the bodies had been there  
13 long?

14      A     Yes, I did.

15      Q     What was that, sir?

16      A     The bodies had not been there very long. Simply  
17 because as well-traveled as that road is, it would have  
18 been discovered. I believe that they were found shortly  
19 after they were left.

20      Q     And you mentioned no body fluids as well?

21      A     No body fluids at all.

22      Q     If I can ask you -- to your right there is a cart.  
23 Can I ask you to pull up Exhibit 25.

24           No, to your right, sir. Keep going to your right.

25           Can you tell me what that is?



1 A This is a photograph from the road, looking out to  
2 where the cadavers were found. The cadavers were in this  
3 area here, between these shrubs in this area (indicating).

4 Q You can put that down.

5 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, we move the admission of  
6 that exhibit.

7 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

8 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 25 received.)

9 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, that concludes direct.

10 THE COURT: You may cross-examine the witness.

11 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. MEDVENE:

13 Q Agent Gonzales, how long did you work on the Enrique  
14 Camarena kidnapping investigation?

15 A Several years.

16 Q Starting from approximately February 9th, when you  
17 arrived?

18 A February 9th, 1985, until approximately 1987.

19 Q How long were you in Guadalajara, during that whole  
20 period?

21 A I was in Guadalajara probably from February 9th till  
22 mid-March, the end of March, sometime in that area.

23 Q Would you go back periodically?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q Did you either alone or with other agents participate

1 in the searches of a number of residences as part of the  
2 investigation?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q And what residences were those?

5 A We participated in the search of the -- there was a  
6 hotel that we searched that belonged to Felix-Gallardo. I  
7 think it was the Suites Royal, I believe. And there were  
8 some ranches that we searched also. One that belonged to  
9 Emilio Quintero, and at least two that belonged to  
10 Caro-Quintero.

11 Q Any others that you recall?

12 A No.

13 Q Now --

14 A I also -- but this is -- I searched other locations,  
15 but they were not during that period of time.

16 Q What other locations?

17 A The location where Mr. Camarena was eventually taken  
18 after he was kidnapped, and that would be the only one.

19 Q Now, in addition to the searches that you participated  
20 in, what other things did you do in the course of your  
21 investigation?

22 A Well, I'd done numerous things. I interviewed a lot  
23 of witnesses, interviewed a lot of suspects during that  
24 period of time.

25 Q Were some 30 to 50 people arrested by the Mexican

1 Federal Judicial Police in connection with the  
2 investigation of the kidnapping, to your knowledge?

3 MR. MEDRANO: Objection, Your Honor. Leading.  
4 Beyond the scope.

5 THE COURT: Well, leading is permitted, but it may  
6 be beyond the scope. It is.

7 The objection is sustained.

8 BY MR. MEDVENE:

9 Q Did you attend a number of interrogations?

10 A By whom?

11 Q By either D.E.A. agents or law enforcement agencies,  
12 the Mexican Police?

13 A No. I personally did not attend any interrogation by  
14 the M.F.J.P.

15 Q Other D.E.A. agents, to your knowledge, did; isn't  
16 that correct, sir?

17 MR. MEDRANO: Objection, Your Honor. This is  
18 beyond the scope.

19 MR. MEDVENE: They put him on, Your Honor --

20 THE COURT: You may answer.

21 THE WITNESS: Pardon me?

22 BY MR. MEDVENE:

23 Q Other D.E.A. agents, to your knowledge, did attend  
24 interrogations of people that were involved in the  
25 kidnapping; isn't that correct?

1 A I don't know. I believe so.

2 Q You read a number of interrogations that were  
3 conducted, didn't you? You read the transcripts?

4 MR. MEDRANO: Objection, Your Honor. This is  
5 beyond the scope.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 BY MR. MEDVENE:

8 Q On the basis of your investigation, your searches,  
9 your interrogations, you found no evidence that Ruben Zuno  
10 was involved in any meetings where the planning of the  
11 kidnapping of Enrique Camarena was discussed; isn't that  
12 correct, sir?

13 MR. MEDRANO: Objection, Your Honor. Relevance.  
14 Beyond the scope. Lack of foundation. Lack of personal  
15 knowledge.

16 THE COURT: Overruled.

17 BY MR. MEDVENE:

18 Q Isn't that correct, sir?

19 A Pardon me? Can you ask me again, please.

20 Q Isn't it correct, sir, that based on your  
21 investigation, the interviews you conducted, the searches  
22 you conducted, you found no evidence that Ruben Zuno  
23 attended any meetings where the kidnapping of Enrique  
24 Camarena was discussed; isn't that correct?

25 A That is correct.

1 MR. MEDVENE: Thank you, sir.

2 THE COURT: Do you have any questions?

3 MR. RUBIN: Yes, Your Honor.

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. RUBIN:

6 Q Agent Gonzales, you indicated that you met with  
7 Comandante Pavon-Reyes in March of 1985?

8 A Yes, I did.

9 Q Were you aware at that time of the incident that  
10 occurred at the Guadalajara Airport with Pavon-Reyes in  
11 February of 1985?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And at any time, did you or the D.E.A. contact Mexican  
14 officials to advise them of your suspicions or that  
15 anything improper had happened with Comandante Pavon-Reyes  
16 at the airport?

17 A I did not.

18 Q Do you know if any other D.E.A. agent did?

19 A Not that I know of.

20 Q When you saw that it was him that was bringing you out  
21 there, did you protest that or ask that somebody else be  
22 involved in that?

23 MR. MEDRANO: Objection, Your Honor. Beyond the  
24 scope of direct.

25 THE COURT: Overruled.

1           You may answer.

2           THE WITNESS: No. We did not protest and request  
3 anyone else, because, in effect, there was no one else. He  
4 was the man in charge out there, and we didn't ask for  
5 anyone else to be present.

6 BY MR. RUBIN:

7 Q     So at the time that you were going out there, you  
8 suspected you were being assisted by a person who was in  
9 cahoots, if you will, with the drug cartel?

10 A    Yes, Counselor. Unfortunately, occasionally that does  
11 happen when we were dealing in Mexico.

12           We did protest with Mr. Pavon in at least one  
13 instance that day; and the protest was that Mr. Pavon-Reyes  
14 extended the theory that the bodies had been left at that  
15 location by the people at the Bravo Ranch; and we told him  
16 that we definitely did not believe that, and that we  
17 believed that the bodies had been left there to give the  
18 impression that they were tied into the Bravo Ranch.

19 Q     Now, when the bodies where taken back to the Mexican  
20 doctor, where was this specifically?

21 A     Pardon me?

22 Q     Was it a morgue that they were taken to?

23 A     That's where I saw the cadavers, was in a morgue.  
24 Where they specifically were taken to from there, I don't  
25 know.

1 Q I mean, when the bodies were found -- when you first  
2 saw the bodies, was it at the morgue?

3 A Yes, it was.

4 Q At the hospital?

5 A Yes, they were in a morgue.

6 Q Now, do you know which cadaver was ultimately  
7 identified as Enrique Camarena?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Which one was that?

10 A Cadaver 2.

11 Q Now, when you saw it, did Cadaver 2, you spoke of the  
12 decomposition, but did Cadaver 2 still have hair on it?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Did it still have tissue on it?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And if forensic people wanted to test the hair and  
17 tissue of Enrique Camarena, there was material to test?

18 MR. MEDRANO: Objection, Your Honor. Lack of  
19 foundation.

20 THE COURT: Sustained.

21 BY MR. RUBIN:

22 Q How much hair was still there on the body that you  
23 saw?

24 A There was still quite a bit of hair.

25 Q Was there still quite a bit of tissue?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Who is Emilio Quintero?

3 A Emilio Quintero-Payan is Caro-Quintero's uncle.

4 Q You've been at 881 Lope de Vega?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Could you describe how big a residence or compound it  
7 is?

8 A It is a large compound. It's a large compound. They  
9 have -- the residence itself is -- it's actually -- the one  
10 floor has three or four bedrooms, has a small basement, and  
11 it has an office on the second floor. It's got the  
12 kitchen, dining room, of course, swimming pool. They have  
13 a large area for parking or whatever. You have an aviary,  
14 and they have tennis courts and showers, steam room. It's  
15 very large, a very nice residence.

16 Q How many different buildings are there?

17 A You have a maid's quarters also, I forget. You have  
18 the main residence, the maid's quarters. You have the  
19 steam room area. Those are the actual out houses and so  
20 forth. You have also kind of a patio area. You have a  
21 built in barbecue and so forth, right next to the swimming  
22 pool. It's a beautiful house.

23 Q Is there a guest house there?

24 A I don't remember. I don't have the floor plan.

25 Q Okay.



1 A I wasn't prepared for this so.

2 MR. RUBIN: No further questions. Thank you,  
3 Agent.

4 THE COURT: Redirect?

5 MR. MEDRANO: Briefly.

6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. MEDRANO:

8 Q Agent Gonzales, in '85 when you were part of that  
9 investigation, you told Mr. Medvene that you developed no  
10 information tying Zuno to the kidnapping; is that correct?

11 A Yes.

12 MR. MEDVENE: Objection, Your Honor.

13 BY MR. MEDRANO:

14 Q I'm sorry, is that correct?

15 THE COURT: Objection is overruled if there is an  
16 objection.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.

18 BY MR. MEDRANO:

19 Q That conclusion you gave us was based on the  
20 information you had in '85; is that correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And is your conclusion based also on the lack of  
23 cooperation you were receiving from the Mexican  
24 authorities?

25 MR. MEDVENE: Objection, calls for a conclusion.

1 THE COURT: You may answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 MR. MEDRANO: One moment, Your Honor.

4 (Government counsel confer.)

5 BY MR. MEDRANO:

6 Q In addition, in '85, were you the person in charge of  
7 the Camarena investigation?

8 A Yes, portions of it. Yes.

9 Q But you weren't the supervisor in charge of the entire  
10 operation?

11 A No.

12 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. MEDVENE:

15 Q Your investigation, you told us, lasted past '85;  
16 isn't that correct, sir?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Lasted into '87?

19 A Portions of it, yes.

20 MR. MEDVENE: Thank you.

21 MR. RUBIN: Just a couple.

22 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. RUBIN:

24 Q Since you were in charge of portions of the  
25 investigation, were you responsible for the offering of

1 rewards in any way, for information?

2 A Sometimes, yes. It would depend on the reward.

3 Q Did you offer rewards for information?

4 A Oh, offer rewards, you mean, no.

5 MR. MEDRANO: Beyond the scope of direct, Your  
6 Honor.

7 THE WITNESS: No. Offer a reward, you mean?

8 BY MR. RUBIN:

9 Q Yes, offer rewards?

10 A No, I didn't.

11 Q That wasn't in your area?

12 A No.

13 MR. RUBIN: No questions.

14 THE COURT: You may step down.

15 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

16 (Witness excused.)

17 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

18 MR. MEDRANO: Call Jerry Spencer to the stand,  
19 Your Honor.

20 THE CLERK: Would you raise your right hand.

21 JERRY SPENCER, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

22 THE WITNESS: I do.

23 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

24 State your full name for the record and spell your  
25 last name, please.

1 THE WITNESS: Yes, my name is Jerry Douglas  
2 Spencer. Last name is spelled S-P-E-N-C-E-R.

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. MEDRANO:

5 Q Your occupation, sir?

6 A I'm a medical officer, a Navy physician in the United  
7 States Navy.

8 Q Do you have a rank?

9 A Yes. I'm a Captain in the Medical Corps in the Navy.

10 Q Where are you currently assigned to?

11 A I'm currently assigned to the Armed Forces Institute  
12 of Pathology, which is located on the grounds of the Walter  
13 Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

14 Q Is this a supervisory position?

15 A Yes. My title is Assistant Armed Forces Medical  
16 Examiner. The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology has  
17 several departments. One of the departments is called the  
18 Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner, and I'm  
19 basically the Deputy in Charge of that particular  
20 department.

21 Q How many people are under you?

22 A Fourteen pathologists work for me. We have a  
23 toxicologist. We have also a DNA Identification  
24 Laboratory, approximately 60 people.

25 Q Briefly, your current duties or responsibilities?

1 A Again, my title is Assistant Armed Forces Medical  
2 Examiner. I have administrative responsibilities in  
3 directing operations of my particular department.

4 Currently we have aircraft accident investigations  
5 going on recently, and I'm in charge of the Residency  
6 Program and overall administrative control of the  
7 department.

8 Q Now, before your current assignment, Dr. Spencer,  
9 where were you stationed or assigned?

10 A Prior to my current assignment, I was in the Naval  
11 Hospital in Kyushu, Japan. Kyushu is a Naval Base close to  
12 Tokyo. I was there for two years, from 1990 to 19 -- July  
13 of 1992.

14 Prior to that time, I was assigned to the Naval  
15 Hospital, Okinawa, Japan, from 1985 to 1990, and for the  
16 six years prior to my assignment to Okinawa, I was at my  
17 current station, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology  
18 from 1979 to 1985.

19 Q Now, when stationed overseas, particularly in Okinawa,  
20 briefly what were your duties then?

21 A I, again, had administrative duties, and I was also  
22 the Regional Medical Examiner for the Pacific Region, which  
23 involved a considerable amount of traveling to do autopsies  
24 and testifying in military court martial.

25 I traveled to the Philippines many times, Korea

1 many times, also to Guam; and at that time I was in  
2 Okinawa, and I also had to travel to the mainland of Japan.

3 Q Dr. Spencer, are you Board certified in any specific  
4 areas?

5 A Yes. I'm a Board certified in Anatomic Pathology,  
6 Clinical Pathology, and Forensic Pathology.

7 Q Now, briefly, Board certified, what does that mean?

8 A Board certification is a process that specialists go  
9 through in the United States, where you take a competitive  
10 examination. After qualifying for the examination by going  
11 through a period of training, then you take the  
12 examination. If you pass, then you are certified as a  
13 specialist in that particular area of medicine.

14 Q Under the American system, is there more than one  
15 Board?

16 A Yes. There are many boards. The American Board of  
17 Pathology is the one that I'm certified by. There is also  
18 American Board of Surgery, American Board of Internal  
19 Medicine, American Board of Pediatrics, and so on.

20 Q You mentioned Board certified in Anatomic Pathology.  
21 Define Anatomic Pathology for us, please.

22 A Yes. Anatomic Pathology is one of the two general  
23 broad areas in pathology in that particular specialty.  
24 Anatomic Pathology deals with Surgical Pathology, that is,  
25 looking at specimens removed at the time of surgery. For

1 example, breast biopsies to determine whether they are  
2 benign or malignant.

3 Anatomical Pathology also deals with psychology,  
4 like pap smears, and also with autopsies.

5 Q What is Clinical Pathology?

6 A Clinical Pathology, again, is another broad area of  
7 pathology, which involves doing various laboratory tests,  
8 like blood tests, urine tests, blood banking, microbiology,  
9 and that type of thing.

10 Q Finally, Forensic Pathology?

11 A Forensic Pathology is a subspecialty of Anatomical  
12 Pathology, which involves generally doing autopsies, to  
13 investigate medical legal deaths. That is deaths that are  
14 sudden, unexpected, violent, or mysterious.

15 Q Your undergraduate work was where, Dr. Spencer?

16 A I received my undergraduate degree from Kansas State  
17 University in Manhattan, Kansas.

18 Q What happened after that?

19 A Then I went into the Navy for four years as a Line  
20 Officer. I became a Naval Flight Officer and flew off  
21 aircraft carriers for four years. Then I was released from  
22 active duty and went to medical school at the University of  
23 Kansas.

24 Q Graduating when?

25 A I graduated from the University of Kansas Medical

1 School in 1972. That was followed by an internship at the  
2 Naval Hospital in San Diego, followed by a four-year  
3 residency training program in San Diego. I finished that  
4 in 1977. Then I was a Staff Pathologist, running the  
5 autopsy service for two years at the Naval Hospital, San  
6 Diego.

7 During that time I also attended law school at the  
8 University of San Diego and finished that in 1979.

9 I then went for a subspecialty training in  
10 Forensic Pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of  
11 Pathology and completed that in 1980. And then I stayed at  
12 the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology until 1985.

13 Q By the way, did you take the Bar exam?

14 A Yes, I took the Bar examination here in California in  
15 1979.

16 Q Now, in your experience, you have had opportunities to  
17 conduct autopsies?

18 A Yes, I've done many autopsies, more than 1,500 that I  
19 have done personally or I've reviewed.

20 Q Finally, have you been qualified as an expert in court  
21 before in this area?

22 A Yes, I have, many times. More than 100.

23 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, at this time we offer  
24 Dr. Spencer as an expert in the area of Forensic Pathology.

25 THE COURT: That's not necessary, Counsel.



1 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you.

2 BY MR. MEDRANO:

3 Q Let me direct your attention, sir, to about March 6th  
4 of 1985.

5 Can you tell us what happens on this day?

6 A On the 6th of March, I was initially called and asked  
7 to recommend pathologists from the southwest region to  
8 observe an autopsy in Guadalajara. I was informed that a  
9 body had been found, suspected to be the body of Enrique  
10 Camarena.

11 I made some recommendations. A short time later,  
12 I was called back at my office, again by the Drug  
13 Enforcement Administration, and asked if I would be an  
14 observer at an autopsy to be performed at the Institute of  
15 Forensic Medicine in Guadalajara, Mexico.

16 Q Did you, in fact, go to Mexico?

17 A Yes, I went to Guadalajara, Mexico on the 7th of  
18 March, 1985.

19 Q You flew, obviously.

20 A Yes. I flew from Washington, D.C. where I was at the  
21 time, through Dallas and on to Guadalajara, Mexico. When I  
22 arrived at Dallas, I was informed that an autopsy had been  
23 performed already in the State of Michoacan where the body  
24 was actually found.

25 I then was also told that I would still be an

1 observer at the autopsy, which would be the second autopsy  
2 at the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Guadalajara.

3 Q Where do you go next, or what happens next?

4 A I arrived in Guadalajara in the early afternoon on the  
5 7th of March. I was met by two D.E.A. agents at the  
6 airport who informed me that, in fact, the second autopsy  
7 had been performed before I arrived, but that I should  
8 still look at the body, and we then went from the airport  
9 directly to a city hospital.

10 The second autopsy had been performed at the  
11 Institute of Forensic Medicine, and the bodies -- there  
12 were actually two bodies -- moved to a city hospital in the  
13 City of Guadalajara.

14 Q Now, Dr. Spencer, at some point are you permitted to  
15 do an autopsy on the remains of Camarena?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And prior to that, sir, had you been advised whether  
18 or not Camarena had been identified?

19 A Yes. I -- we arrived at the city hospital. We were  
20 conducted into the morgue area of the city hospital. There  
21 were quite a number of people inside. Some uniformed  
22 personnel who I assumed to be Mexican Police. There were  
23 some hospital personnel, at least two doctors that could  
24 speak English and talked to me. Also there were two FBI  
25 agents, a man by the name of Carl Collins and another, a

1 man by the name of John Dillon.

2 I knew John Dillon well. He had been an  
3 instructor for me in the past.

4 And they informed me at the time I arrived that  
5 they had just finished the identification of Camarena by  
6 fingerprint examination.

7 Q Now, this autopsy that you were about to conduct, what  
8 number autopsy would this be then?

9 A What number? I'm sorry. I don't understand the  
10 question.

11 Q Well, previous autopsies had been done already?

12 A Yes. This -- yes, I understand.

13 The autopsy that I did was the third autopsy on  
14 Camarena. There had been an autopsy done in the State of  
15 Michoacan where the body was found, and the second autopsy  
16 was done at the Institute of Forensic Medicine in the state  
17 of -- in the City of Guadalajara, so I was conducting the  
18 third autopsy.

19 Q Dr. Spencer, are you ultimately shown the bodies?

20 A Yes. The bodies were laying on autopsy tables in the  
21 morgue area of the city hospital. That was the only area  
22 of the hospital that I saw, but both bodies were laying on  
23 autopsy tables.

24 Q Were you directed to the body that was identified as  
25 that of Camarena?

1 A Yes. I took a quick look at both the bodies, but then  
2 the body had been identified as Camarena, so I started with  
3 that body.

4 Q Incidentally, while you were arriving there, is anyone  
5 else doing anything with the bodies?

6 A Well, the two FBI agents told me they had just  
7 finished the identification. They were at the time  
8 photographing the clothing and ligatures that had  
9 accompanied the bodies.

10 Q What is a "ligature"?

11 A A ligature is a binding. It's used to, in some cases,  
12 bind hands and feet, but it's a binding rope. It could be  
13 any kind of object that's flexible, but in this case they  
14 were ropes.

15 Q Dr. Spencer, any clothes on any of the bodies?

16 A There was no clothes on either body. Again, the  
17 clothes were laying -- at the time I saw them -- were  
18 laying on a -- either a plastic sheet or cloth sheet, and  
19 they were in the process of being photographed by the FBI  
20 agents.

21 Q Give us briefly a description of the two bodies as you  
22 found them?

23 A Both bodies looked approximately the same. Both  
24 bodies were in a state of moderate to severe decomposition.  
25 Both bodies had considerable drying change, called

1 mummification. They were decayed basically. Both bodies  
2 had -- were brown to dark brown in color. Both bodies had  
3 evidence of previous autopsies, and there was also a  
4 moderate odor of decay.

5 Q Now, I don't know if you mentioned this term, but are  
6 you familiar with the term "mummification"?

7 A Yes. Mummification is, again, a drying change, when  
8 the body is no longer moist or produces moisture, then the  
9 body tends to dry out and this change is called  
10 mummification. The body can actually -- the skin can  
11 actually take a leather-like, a very dry, leather-like  
12 appearance.

13 Q And the condition of these two bodies?

14 A Again, moderate to advanced decomposition with  
15 mummification changes.

16 Q Did you discern on any of the two bodies any evidence  
17 of insects?

18 A No. I carefully examined Camarena. I saw both  
19 bodies. I saw no evidence of any insect infestation, like  
20 maggots or fly larvae. Another insect that is attracted to  
21 dead bodies is beetles. There was no evidence of either  
22 maggots or their pupal stage of maggots or any beetle  
23 infestation.

24 Q Now, this absence of any type of insect infestation,  
25 based on your experience, what did you conclude?

1 A Well, I concluded on the basis of the absence of  
2 insects, plus the presence of dirt on both bodies -- I  
3 forgot to mention that there was dirt -- that the bodies  
4 had been buried and that because they had been buried,  
5 insects did not have access, that is, they could not get to  
6 the bodies.

7 You could also see the same thing if the bodies  
8 were in a room or a location where insects could not get to  
9 them; but in this case, the fact that they had dirt on the  
10 bodies, plus the absence of insects, indicated that they  
11 had been buried for some time.

12 Q Dr. Spencer, conversely, what is the impact or the  
13 effect of having the presence of infestation?

14 A The fact that insects can get access to the body,  
15 markedly accelerates the process of decomposition. It was  
16 pretty clear that the bodies had been -- since they had  
17 been buried, had been dead for at least two weeks, but  
18 the -- if they had laid on the ground in the area around  
19 Guadalajara and where insects could've gotten to the  
20 bodies, they would have been skeletons.

21 Q Dr. Spencer, can you walk us through now briefly what  
22 the autopsy of Camarena, your observations?

23 A Yes. The -- I did a general examination of the body,  
24 noting first tremendous head injuries, which I came back to  
25 later. Then looked at the body. In general, did an

1 external examination of the body. Again, the body had  
2 numerous areas of the body -- the body was very brown. It  
3 was numerous areas of dark brown coloration.

4 I looked at the extremities, that is, the arms and  
5 the legs for any evidence of injury. What I did was I used  
6 a scalpel to incise the area, dark brown areas of  
7 coloration, to determine whether or not I could identify  
8 any bruising. It's difficult in a body that's this  
9 decomposed, that's this decayed to determine whether or not  
10 it's a change due to the decomposition itself, or whether  
11 it was due to prior bruising.

12 I concluded that I couldn't -- could not  
13 identify prior bruising on the body. It may have been  
14 there, but I could not identify for certain.

15 I looked at the wrist area for evidence of  
16 ligature marks; and a body that's undergoing mummification,  
17 it's difficult to identify that because the body swells and  
18 then as it dries out it shrinks in size. The only area I  
19 could find of grooving was in the actual wrist joint, none  
20 elsewhere.

21 I then looked at the internal organs of the body.  
22 Again, the -- Camarena had had two prior autopsies because  
23 there were sutures, that is, string had been used to sew up  
24 the body at the first autopsy, and then at the second  
25 autopsy they simply cut through those to open up the chest

1 and abdominal regions again.

2 Q Dr. Spencer, were there still internal organs once you  
3 got inside?

4 A Yes. The internal organs had not been dissected.  
5 That is, they had not been examined individually. The  
6 organs had simply been cut loose from the chest and  
7 abdominal regions and were pulled down into the pelvic  
8 regions, and then when they finished the first autopsy or  
9 second autopsy, they simply put them back up. So the  
10 internal organs had not been examined by dissection.

11 Q Did you have an opportunity to examine the rib cage  
12 area?

13 A Yes. That was what they essentially did, is just pull  
14 the organs back so they could see the rib area. There were  
15 four fractures on the right side and four fractures of ribs  
16 on the left side. None of these fractured areas of the  
17 ribs had any bruising evident. I then proceeded to dissect  
18 the internal organs.

19 Q Very well. Did you have an opportunity to examine the  
20 lungs?

21 A Yes. The organs were all intact. I looked at the  
22 lungs. Opened up the airway, the windpipe. There was no  
23 evidence of any foreign material or dirt in the airway. I  
24 opened up the heart and other organs. The stomach was  
25 empty. The liver was very small and very -- all the



1 organs, like the liver, were very decomposed.

2 THE COURT: Time for the morning recess.

3 (Recess taken.)

4 (Jury present.)

5 THE COURT: You may continue.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)

7 BY MR. MEDRANO:

8 Q Dr. Spencer, I forgot to ask you one question.

9 The climate in Guadalajara, does that impact on  
10 any way on insects and the decomposition of a body?

11 A Yes. Climate does make a difference as far as insects  
12 causing changes to a human body after death. If it's very  
13 cold, there are no insects, so they don't feed on a human  
14 body after death, but when I arrived in Guadalajara, it was  
15 warm and in the 70's, and very dry.

16 Q Now, let me take you to back to the autopsy. You're  
17 familiar with the term "toxicology"?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And just what is that?

20 A Toxicology is, again, an area of specialization that  
21 is involved with the identification of drugs and  
22 medications, and the study of the effects of these  
23 particular drugs and medications, so it both involves  
24 identification using various scientific instruments and  
25 also the effects.

1 Q Dr. Spencer, was any toxicology performed on  
2 Camarena's remains?

3 A Toxicology specimens were not obtained on the remains  
4 of Camarena for several reasons. Number one, with the body  
5 this decomposed, the specimens you would obtain would cause  
6 artifacts, abnormal chemicals that would, for one thing,  
7 interfere with the testing, and also would cause false  
8 positives. So in this type of -- with the body this  
9 decomposed, you usually do not obtain specimens. The liver  
10 was almost gone. There was no blood.

11 The second reason is in this particular case, the  
12 cause of death was pretty obvious. Severe head injuries,  
13 and it would have been useless to attempt to do any  
14 toxicology testing.

15 Q Dr. Spencer, on the subject of the head injuries, why  
16 don't you walk us through that. What were your findings?

17 A Yes. The head was the -- although I looked at it  
18 before on the external examination of the body, I spent a  
19 great deal of time examining the head and the injuries.

20 There were multiple fractures or broken bones of  
21 the face and skull regions. Again, there was one fracture  
22 on the left side of the face and the cheek bone area. That  
23 is referred to as the maxilla, M-A-X-I-L-L-A. That  
24 proceeded through the upper jaw and then proceeded on  
25 around underneath the eyeball region through the bones that

1 are called orbital bones, and then progressed on up across  
2 the forehead region and on back.

3 The bone in the forehead region is called the  
4 frontal bone, and the top of the head the bone is called  
5 the parietal bone, and the fracture line extended all the  
6 way through the jaw, across the cheek bone or maxilla, and  
7 then through the orbital bone, up across the frontal bone  
8 and parietal bone.

9 Q That's on the left side?

10 A That's on the left side.

11 Likewise, there were two fractures through the  
12 maxilla or cheek bone on the right side, again passing  
13 through the entire jaw where the teeth are located, on  
14 across the orbital bones, and up across the top of the  
15 forehead, again the frontal bone, the parietal bone.

16 In addition, there were additional fractures of  
17 the parietal bones on both sides. Thereagain, severe skull  
18 fractures.

19 On the top of the head, on the left side, just to  
20 the left of the mid portion of the skull, was a round to  
21 oval defect that passed through the skull. My initial  
22 impression was that this particular injury, this oval to  
23 round defect, was a gunshot wound. The reason I thought  
24 that is because of the characteristics. There was an  
25 outside entrance.

1 Q Dr. Spencer, let me interrupt you. I want to come  
2 back to that in a moment. But before you explain that, let  
3 me take you back.

4 You mentioned something called a "maxilla"?

5 A Yes. The maxilla or maxillary bone.

6 Q That's the cheek bone?

7 A Cheek bone, yes.

8 Q That's the upper cheek bone?

9 A Yes. The upper jaw, there is a bone called the  
10 maxilla that connects with another bone on around the side  
11 of the face, but the maxilla is the bone where the teeth  
12 are implanted in the human body.

13 Q Dr. Spencer, regarding that maxilla bone, is it a thin  
14 bone? Is it a thick bone?

15 A It's quite a thick bone. It takes considerable force  
16 to cause a fracture, particularly through the bone where  
17 the teeth are located.

18 Q Could a blow with your fist cause a break in that  
19 cheek or maxilla bone?

20 A It could, particularly on the outside -- on the side  
21 of the face, but it's unusual with a fist. I've seen it a  
22 little bit more frequently with a kick, that is, with a  
23 foot being swung through an arc, but most frequently it's  
24 caused by a blunt object that is swung against the face.

25 Q What type of object, for example?

1 A A blunt object. It would fit with the fractures all  
2 the way across and up into the forehead. It would be an  
3 object like a tire iron or a crow bar or an iron pipe.  
4 I've seen this type of object cause those types of injuries  
5 all the way across the top of the head.

6 Q Dr. Spencer, would the butt of a rifle also serve the  
7 same purpose?

8 A It could. If it's long enough to cause all those  
9 fractures in the line, yes. Yes, they -- it would be a  
10 blunt object that could cause those injuries.

11 Q The skull area then, multiple fractures throughout?

12 A Yes. There were multiple fractures on both sides of  
13 the face and both sides of the skull.

14 Q Now, let me take you back to this wound that you  
15 initially thought was a gunshot wound.

16 Why did you initially believe that?

17 A I thought that it was a gunshot wound because of its  
18 appearance. The characteristics fit with a gunshot wound.

19 When a bullet passes through the skull, the skull  
20 has basically two sides, and if you consider a pane of  
21 glass being similar, there is one side where the bullet  
22 goes in, and then it comes out on the other side.

23 What you see is a circular to oval defect where  
24 the bullet goes in, and then when it comes out, it chips  
25 little pieces of bone, or if you've seen a pane of glass

1 where a bullet has gone through, it chips little pieces of  
2 glass off on the internal surface.

3 Those -- when it chips pieces of glass off, that's  
4 called internal bevelling or it looks like kind of a  
5 crater, and it's a characteristic appearance that can be  
6 caused by a bullet passing through a skull. So when the  
7 bullet passes through, it causes internal bevelling on the  
8 inside surface.

9 Q Because the bullet has gone through?

10 A Has gone through, goes through, and chips off little  
11 pieces of bone causing internal bevelling.

12 So from when I first looked at this particular  
13 injury, it looked just like a gunshot wound, and I've seen  
14 it many, many, many times.

15 But the other characteristics were a little  
16 different, in that there was also a few pieces of bone  
17 chipped off the outside part of the skull, and sometimes we  
18 refer to that as external bevelling. So there was both  
19 internal bevelling, which is what you usually see with a  
20 gunshot wound, plus a few pieces chipped off the outside of  
21 the skull, which is unusual for a gunshot wound.

22 So I looked at that more carefully, spent a lot of  
23 time looking at it because --

24 Q Why is this unusual, if it was a gunshot wound, both  
25 the internal and external bevelling?

1 A Well, you usually see internal bevelling at the  
2 entrance site. If a bullet went all the way through, you  
3 would see external bevelling on the other side. But this  
4 bullet did not go anywhere, if it was a bullet. Just  
5 internal bevelling, and I was trying to find an exit. A  
6 bullet will not just go in. It should go into bone or at  
7 least strike bone inside the skull.

8 But another real problem was it was located such  
9 that just to the left of the middle of the head, it would  
10 have gone right down the spinal canal where the spinal cord  
11 is located. And if you have a gunshot wound, it is very  
12 important to locate the bullet so it can be compared later  
13 on.

14 Q Did you search for a bullet?

15 A Yes. I looked for evidence of an exit and inside of  
16 the skull. I wanted to get X-rays in Guadalajara City  
17 Hospital. They said they had no X-ray facilities  
18 available. For that reason, when the body was transported  
19 to San Diego the next day, I did get X-rays at the Naval  
20 Hospital in San Diego.

21 But other characteristics of the particular  
22 injury, the scalp had a large kind of "X" shaped  
23 lacerations or tear that would fit with a contact gunshot  
24 wound, but there was -- although there was a lot of  
25 bruising around there, there was no powder residue that you

1 would see with a contact gunshot wound, such if the gun was  
2 held right in contact with the head.

3 So I did additional studies later on when I got  
4 back to my office in Washington, D.C. I looked at the  
5 scalp tissues with a light microscope, that is, got  
6 sections of the tissue and looked at it under the  
7 microscope, and found no evidence of powder residue.

8 In addition, we had done total body X-rays in San  
9 Diego which did not show a bullet anywhere in the body.  
10 And then also my office, we did a special study using an  
11 electron microscope, where we looked at the surface of the  
12 skull and did not find any evidence of metal particles or  
13 powder residue.

14 So after all of those studies, I concluded that it  
15 was not a gunshot wound. In fact, it was an injury made by  
16 an object, a blunt object, that had been passed through the  
17 skull and then pulled back out.

18 Q That would explain the internal and external  
19 bevelling?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Based on your experience, sir, what type of object  
22 would be responsible for that type of hole made in the  
23 skull?

24 A The type of object, of course, not a gunshot wound now  
25 because of the other studies, but the type of object that



1 I've seen that would cause this injury, is a Phillip's  
2 Screwdriver. It would be pounded in or thrust into the  
3 skull. The top of the skull is fairly thick compared to  
4 the side. You could almost thrust it in on the side. But  
5 this is the top of the head. I've seen a Phillip's  
6 Screwdriver or a stiletto knife. I've seen something  
7 similar with an industrial hacksaw, but not circular like  
8 this. But I've seen it with a screwdriver that would cause  
9 this type of injury.

10 Q Let me move on now, Dr. Spencer.

11 The cause of death, based on your experience, sir?

12 A The cause of death of Enrique Camarena was blunt  
13 forced injuries of the head, and a penetrating injury of  
14 the head, that is the circular shaped injury.

15 Blunt force injuries mean that the injuries are  
16 made by a blunt object, as opposed to a sharp object. If  
17 it was a stab wound -- which he did not have, of course --  
18 would be called a sharp forced injury.

19 Blunt forced injuries of the head and penetrating  
20 injury were the cause of death of Enrique Camarena.

21 Q So the manner of death?

22 A Manner of death would be homicide.

23 Q Not accidental?

24 A Not accidental. Not natural. Not suicide, but  
25 homicide.

1 Q In terms of the degrees of forces that are inflicted,  
2 Dr. Spencer, based on your experience, are there different  
3 categories of the type of force that can be inflicted?

4 A Yes. Force or degree of force, sometimes categorized  
5 as mild, moderate or severe. This would be a severe force  
6 that resulted in skull fractures. Mild force might result  
7 in a bruise. Moderate force, a laceration or tear in the  
8 skin.

9 But, severe force is the type of force that is  
10 required to cause fractures of bone.

11 Q In addition, you mentioned previously some kind of  
12 depression in the wrist area?

13 A Yes. By the time I saw the body, the body had dried  
14 out, had been laying out for several hours in the dry  
15 environment of Guadalajara, and had shrunk, that is,  
16 decreased in size. I could not identify actual ligature  
17 marks. The only mark that I saw was a joint groove where  
18 the hands go back and forth.

19 Q However, the mark that you did find, would that be  
20 consistent with a ligature or rope binding?

21 A It could be. Again, I could not say one way or  
22 another because of the condition of the body.

23 Q Finally, sir, a decomposing body, does it produce a  
24 certain type of odor?

25 A Yes, it does. Animals and humans smell about the

1 same. It's a -- it's been described as a kind of a sweet  
2 smelling odor. I think it doesn't -- I don't think it  
3 smells sweet, but it's a characteristic odor due to  
4 decomposition of fats and proteins in the body. It's  
5 different from that of garbage of plants decomposing.

6 Q Can this odor, this decomposition odor, last a long  
7 time?

8 A Yes. I have seen it last for years.

9 Q When a body is decomposing and the body has clothes on  
10 it, will this odor also attach to the clothing?

11 A Yes. What happens as part of the decomposition  
12 process, fluids are produced as part of decomposition and  
13 the fluids will soak out of the body and soak any clothing  
14 or, in this case, ligatures that were on the body.

15 Q Based on your experience, is it common for even years  
16 after the fact for the clothes to also have this smell,  
17 unique smell?

18 A Yes. It can persist for a very long time, even years.

19 Q Would this saturation effect also apply to any  
20 ligatures or bindings?

21 A Yes, it could.

22 Q Would the decomposition fluids also be found in an  
23 area where a body's located?

24 A Yes. It would persist until it was washed away or the  
25 chemicals that produced the odor were further broken down.

1 Q I take it that assumes that the body's there for a  
2 long time?

3 A Yes.

4 Q If the body is just briefly there, would there be any  
5 long lasting odor of any sort?

6 A If it's there for a period of days, or even a few  
7 hours, such as the decomposition of fluid -- the  
8 decomposition fluid is produced by decompensation of  
9 fluids. The fluid is produced by decompensation. They  
10 will continue to persist and be there for a while, even if  
11 the body is there for only a few hours. As long as the  
12 body is decomposing and producing decomposition fluids,  
13 there will be that odor.

14 Q How long did your autopsy of Camarena last?

15 A I spent probably an hour-and-a-half on the actual  
16 autopsy. As I recall, I started about 2:30 in the  
17 afternoon, and probably spent an hour-and-a-half to two  
18 hours.

19 Q Finally, Dr. Spencer, you mentioned there was a second  
20 body on the second slab?

21 A Yes, there was.

22 Q Could you tell us just briefly what injuries, if any,  
23 you observed on that body?

24 A After I finished the autopsy on Camarena, I --

25 MR. RUBIN: Objection.

1 THE COURT: Yes. The objection is sustained.

2 MR. MEDRANO: One moment, Your Honor.

3 (Government counsel confer)

4 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: You may cross-examine the witness.

6 CROSS-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. MEDVENE:

8 Q Dr. Spencer, do you have any opinion based on your  
9 examination of Enrique Camarena's body, how long he had  
10 been buried at Primavera Park before being moved to the  
11 Bravo Ranch area?

12 A No, I have no opinion on that. I can say that he was  
13 dead for at least two weeks, with respect to my experience,  
14 but I could not tell if he was buried once or twice or  
15 three times.

16 Q But is it correct, buried for the period of time prior  
17 to being found at the Bravo Ranch area above the ground?

18 A He was buried for a period of time such that no  
19 insects could get to him; and I estimate, again, that he  
20 had been dead for at least two weeks.

21 From the appearance of the body with no insect  
22 infestation at all, it appeared that he would have been  
23 pulled from the ground and delivered where he was found  
24 such that no insects could get to him also, because there  
25 was no fly larvae, no maggots at all.

1 Q Are you aware whether or not the dirt found on the  
2 body is identified with soil from Primavera Park?

3 A I had no part in the investigation of that, that part  
4 of the investigation.

5 Q The gentlemen who did that were Mr. Collins and  
6 Rawalt?

7 A Yes.

8 MR. MEDVENE: Thank you very much, sir.

9 THE COURT: Do you have any questions?

10 MR. RUBIN: Yes, Your Honor.

11 CROSS-EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. RUBIN:

13 Q Dr. Spencer, first of all, is this the only autopsy  
14 you've ever performed of Enrique Camarena?

15 A Yes. I did the autopsy again in the city hospital in  
16 Guadalajara.

17 Q And to your knowledge, was any other autopsy done by  
18 any other American officials after yours?

19 A No. I should add that, you know, my autopsy continued  
20 with the examination in San Diego after the body was  
21 returned. We did full body X-rays. I got additional  
22 pictures at that time, again, looked over the body,  
23 consulted with a friend of mine at the Naval Hospital, but  
24 after that, the body was, to my knowledge, cremated.

25 Q So the body is not available for autopsy now because

1 it's been cremated?

2 A That was my understanding is the body was cremated  
3 after my examination.

4 Q Now, during your autopsy, you had the opportunity to  
5 look at the internal organs of Agent Camarena?

6 A Yes, I did.

7 Q Now, first of all, they had been you said "cut away"?

8 A The organs had been --

9 THE COURT: Counsel, let's not have the witness  
10 repeat all of his prior testimony. If you have some  
11 questions, let's get to it.

12 BY MR. RUBIN:

13 Q The procedure of cutting away is a proper procedure so  
14 that the Mexican doctors could look at the ribs?

15 A Yes. The organs were simply pulled down so that they  
16 could look at the back region, yes.

17 Q But the organs had not been destroyed in any way for  
18 your examination?

19 A They had not been dissected at all. They were  
20 severely decomposed.

21 Q Okay. Did you have an opportunity to -- and you  
22 looked at them?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Did you look at the heart, specifically?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Did you notice any scaring in the heart?

2 A No, I did not. Again, scaring can be covered up by  
3 decomposition pretty easily.

4 Q But the fact is you didn't discover any scaring?

5 A No.

6 Q When you looked at the rest of the body, did you find  
7 any evidences of injections into tissues?

8 A No, I did not. I did an examination, but again, there  
9 was severe decomposition.

10 Q So you have no evidence in that regard?

11 A No.

12 Q Now, turning to toxicology, it is true, is it not,  
13 that a toxicologist can identify drugs that may be within a  
14 body, true?

15 A That is correct.

16 Q And it's also true, is it not, that a drug that can be  
17 identified by using the toxicological methods is the drug  
18 Lidocaine, true?

19 A Lidocaine can be determined if it's not broken down  
20 into its constituent chemicals before the examination; that  
21 is correct.

22 Q But the D.E.A. has not done any -- or the government  
23 has done any toxicological screens of Enrique Camarena;  
24 correct?

25 A That is correct, but I would have been the one that



1 obtained the specimens, and they were clearly inappropriate  
2 for toxicology testing.

3 Q Well, it would be true then, Dr. Spencer, is it not,  
4 that there is no toxicological evidence whatsoever that  
5 Enrique Camarena had Lidocaine in his body?

6 A That is correct. There is no toxicology specimens  
7 obtained.

8 Q Now, you talked about the decomposing and the  
9 toxicological screen. Was the hair decomposed?

10 A The hair was largely absent from the scalp. It comes  
11 off in clumps as part of the decomposition change again.

12 Q But the hair itself, was it decomposed?

13 A It's not decomposed in the sense. The hair was  
14 present. It does not actually decompose like the rest of  
15 the body.

16 Q So when you talk deposing, you are talking about the  
17 tissue being decomposed, not his hair?

18 A Right.

19 Q And, in fact, isn't it true that a toxicological  
20 screen can be done on people's hair, true?

21 A I can't answer that because I haven't seen it used for  
22 that particular substance. In my particular office I know  
23 we don't test hair for drugs and that type of thing. There  
24 may be laboratories where that is done. I've not  
25 personally seen it done on hair as a specimen.

1 Q Okay. I'm not talking about any particular drug or  
2 practice in your office. But based upon your scientific  
3 knowledge, do you know that toxicological screens can be  
4 done on people's hair to detect the presence of drugs?

5 A Yes. My understanding is that's a developing field.  
6 I've been to meetings where I've heard that reported.  
7 Again, I don't -- I couldn't tell you which laboratories  
8 are doing that.

9 Q And, in fact, drugs that do wind up in the hair can  
10 stay there for years and still be discovered years later;  
11 isn't that right?

12 A That is correct. Particularly arsonic and lead can be  
13 found years and years later.

14 MR. RUBIN: No further questions.

15 Thank you, Dr. Spencer.

16 Can I have one moment, Your Honor. My client  
17 wants -- no further questions, Your Honor.

18 Thank you, Doctor.

19 THE COURT: Any redirect examination?

20 MR. MEDRANO: Yes, Your Honor. If I may have just  
21 one moment.

22 (Government counsel confer.)

23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. MEDRANO:

25 Q Dr. Spencer, what period of time is necessary for

1 scaring to develop on the heart muscle?

2 A Scaring of the heart would occur -- could occur for a  
3 variety of reasons, usually from the most common by far is  
4 a heart attack or someone who's had a myocardial infarct,  
5 and it would generally be a week before you would see any  
6 evidence of scaring where you'd look at it, or you could  
7 determine under a microscope. By gross examination, that  
8 is, looking at the heart with the eye, I would say probably  
9 a month, three weeks to a month anyhow.

10 Q The field of toxicology, did you just say it was a  
11 developing field?

12 A No, no. Toxicology has been around for a very long  
13 time. He asked a question regarding toxicology analysis of  
14 hair, which to me is a developing area.

15 Q A recently developing area?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Finally, Lidocaine, sir, does it last a long time in  
18 the system?

19 A No. It usually does not. It's broken down or  
20 metabolized, changed chemically by the body when the person  
21 is alive.

22 Generally, we look at -- use blood to  
23 determine -- it can disappear fairly rapidly. I can't tell  
24 you what the half life is. I would say in a living person  
25 it's a few hours at most.

1 Lidocaine is used as a local anesthetic, most  
2 commonly, and if it's used for that, for say where stitches  
3 or sutures are put in to remove something from the skin, it  
4 generally goes away after a couple of hours. It's broken  
5 down, metabolized or chemically changed.

6 MR. MEDRANO: One moment, Your Honor.

7 That concludes redirect. Thank you.

8 MR. RUBIN: Can I have a moment, Your Honor?

9 (Counsel confers with client)

10 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. RUBIN:

12 Q You indicated that Lidocaine is a local anesthetic; is  
13 that correct?

14 A That's one of the uses for Lidocaine. It's also  
15 used -- if someone has an abnormal heart rhythm, it's used  
16 to control the rate of the heart. Most common by far is  
17 local anesthetic.

18 Q And it's true, is it not, that Lidocaine may be used  
19 in order to ease the pain of the injection of other types  
20 of substances, true?

21 A Yes, it can.

22 Q So just the use, for example, if someone was getting a  
23 painful injection of penicillin or some other drug or some  
24 other solutions --

25 A Yes.

1 Q -- someone might use Lidocaine to ease the pain of the  
2 injection?

3 A Generally, what would be done in the process you are  
4 referring to, is Lidocaine would be used as a local  
5 anesthetic prior to putting the intravenous line in to give  
6 other drugs. So it's used to ease the pain of putting in  
7 the intravenous or I.V. line.

8 MR. RUBIN: No further questions. Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Anything further?

10 MR. MEDRANO: One final question, Your Honor.

11 FURTHER REDIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. MEDRANO:

13 Q Lidocaine can also be injected to serve the same  
14 purpose as a local anesthesia; correct?

15 A Yes, it can.

16 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: You may step down.

18 (Witness excused.)

19 THE COURT: Call your next witness.

20 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, the government calls  
21 Carl Collins to the stand.

22 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

23 CARL COLLINS, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

1 State your full name for the record and spell your  
2 last name.

3 THE WITNESS: Carl E. Collins, Jr. The last name  
4 is spelled C-O-L-L-I-N-S.

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. MEDRANO:

7 Q Who are you currently employed by?

8 A I'm currently employed by the FBI in Washington, D.C.

9 Q In what capacity, Mr. Collins?

10 A Supervisory Fingerprint Specialist.

11 Q Can you briefly tell us how you got started in the  
12 field of fingerprint analysis?

13 A Back in 1957, in fact, July 1st, I entered into duty  
14 with the FBI as a fingerprint technician, and from that  
15 point on I was taught by the more experienced, in fact,  
16 world-known fingerprint experts, on how to compare  
17 fingerprints with each other and determine whether they are  
18 identified with each other.

19 This went on for several years, and finally in  
20 June of 1967, I entered into what was called the Latent  
21 Fingerprint Section as a Latent Fingerprint Examiner.  
22 There I was also taught to compare and develop latent  
23 prints on items of evidentiary value and compare those  
24 latent prints with known prints of individuals to determine  
25 whether those prints are identified with each other.

1 I am also a supervisory member of our FBI Disaster  
2 Squad which helps aid in the identification of deceased  
3 individuals in catastrophic-type disasters, such as  
4 airplanes, hurricanes, et cetera.

5 Q Mr. Collins, have you testified in Federal Court as an  
6 expert before?

7 A Yes, I have.

8 Q Total State and Federal, how many times?

9 A Approximately 200.

10 Q So you have how many years of experience total in  
11 fingerprint analysis?

12 A It's over 35 years.

13 Q Thank you. Let me move on.

14 Can you just explain to us very briefly what an  
15 ink fingerprint is and then what a latent fingerprint is?

16 A Yes. An ink fingerprint is the recording of the  
17 friction ridges on the palmer sides of your hands. This is  
18 recorded by coding the ridges with a thin film of printer's  
19 ink, and then placing those fingers on a white card to  
20 transfer the ridges to that white card, leaving an outline  
21 of those friction ridges. This is usually done for record  
22 purposes.

23 A latent fingerprint, with the word meaning  
24 "latent" being hidden, not seen readily, these latent  
25 fingerprints are prints that are developed on items of

1     evidentiary value, on various items, types of items, paper,  
2     wood, glass, plastics, what have you, and these are  
3     developed through either powders or chemical methods.

4     Q     Now, Mr. Collins, can you now briefly just explain how  
5     you make or do a fingerprint analysis or comparison?

6     A     Yes. When comparisons are made, one must observe the  
7     ridge characteristic and their relationship to each other  
8     in your fingers. When you find two fingerprints that have  
9     the same ridge arrangement, then those two fingerprints  
10    will be -- will have been made by the same finger, in fact,  
11    the same person.

12    Q     So a match unequivocally establishes that one -- that  
13    they are one in the same person?

14    A     Yes.

15    Q     And, finally, what are some of the factors that you  
16    use for purposes of fingerprint identification?

17    A     There are two basic factors in the use of fingerprints  
18    as a means of identification. One of those being that from  
19    birth till decomposition sets in at death, after death,  
20    that ridge arrangement on your fingers will not change, and  
21    that throughout the history of fingerprints in the millions  
22    of comparisons that have been made throughout the years,  
23    that no two fingerprints made by different individuals have  
24    ever been found to be the same.

25    Q     Mr. Collins, can you explain to us briefly now what



1 factors, if any, determine whether a person leaves a  
2 fingerprint on any particular type of surface?

3 A Those factors being that if an individual touches an  
4 item, doesn't necessarily mean that that person will  
5 actually leave his fingerprints or her fingerprints on that  
6 item. But through chemical, as well as mechanical methods,  
7 we can process those items and determine whether there are  
8 fingerprints on that item. Then if we get fingerprints on  
9 those items we can compare them with known prints of an  
10 individual and determine whether that person left her or  
11 his fingerprints on that item.

12 Q Mr. Collins, will physiological factors affect whether  
13 or not one leaves a print?

14 A Yes. Those being if you have too much moisture on  
15 your fingers, you may leave your print there, but you will  
16 not see any ridge detail because it would be blurred. You  
17 may be wearing gloves at the time. Your fingers could be  
18 dry. Those are some of the factors which tend to not leave  
19 your fingerprints or a fingerprint of value for  
20 identification purposes.

21 Q In addition, Mr. Collins, is the surface that's being  
22 touched, will that affect in any way whether or not you can  
23 develop a latent print?

24 A Most of the time it will, on certain types of items.  
25 Certain items it's hard to get a latent fingerprint from.

1 Such as, we have developed prints like on sheets, pillow  
2 cases, and such, but it's very far and few between.  
3 Certain types of plastics, such as made up like nalgen-type  
4 plastics, which has sort of a rough surface to it, those  
5 are types of surfaces that are kind of hard to get prints  
6 off of.

7 Q Mr. Collins, let me direct your attention to March of  
8 1985.

9 Did you participate in any way in the  
10 identification of the remains of Special Agent Camarena?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q Were you brought into Mexico?

13 A Yes.

14 Q From where, sir?

15 A From our office in Washington, D.C.

16 Q Where did you travel to specifically in Mexico?

17 A To Guadalajara. In fact, to the morgue in  
18 Guadalajara.

19 Q What happens when you arrived at the morgue in  
20 Guadalajara?

21 A Upon arriving at the morgue in Guadalajara, we had to  
22 wait outside the morgue for approximately an  
23 hour-and-a-half to two hours before they'd let me in to do  
24 my examination.

25 At that time, when I was let in, I examined one of

1 the bodies there, and lifted prints from three of the  
2 fingers of the body, and identified that body which we  
3 called at that time Body Number 1, as that of Special Agent  
4 Camarena.

5 Q Can I direct you to Exhibit 99, which should be right  
6 in front of you. To your left, sir. With regard to latent  
7 prints lifted. It should be in that box.

8 A Is that in the folder?

9 Q It's in that box, I believe.

10 A In the box. I'm sorry, but I don't see it.

11 Q Check the book then to your right. I'm sorry.

12 Tell me what Exhibit 99 is?

13 A Exhibit Number 99 contains three white rubber lifts  
14 containing ink prints I lifted from body of Number 1 at the  
15 morgue in Guadalajara.

16 Q For what specific fingers?

17 A The right thumb, the right index, and the right middle  
18 finger.

19 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, we move in Exhibit 99.

20 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

21 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 99 received.)

23 BY MR. MEDRANO:

24 Q Did you have an opportunity subsequently, Mr. Collins,  
25 to compare those three latent prints you lifted from the

1 remains to actual known prints of Special Agent Camarena?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay. If I can direct you now to look at Exhibit 26,  
4 and that, I believe, is in the book as well.

5 A Yes, it is here.

6 Q Did you have an opportunity to compare -- well, tell  
7 me what 26 is? I'm sorry.

8 A Exhibit 26 is the -- it's actually a photographic copy  
9 of the Applicant Fingerprint Card bearing the name Enrique  
10 Salazar Camarena.

11 Q At any point, did you have an opportunity to compare  
12 what you found there in Exhibit 26 with the three latent  
13 prints you listed that are designated Exhibit Number 99?

14 A Yes, I did. The ink prints which appear on  
15 Exhibit 99, I identified as those belonging to the  
16 fingerprints on this fingerprint card of Enrique Salazar  
17 Camarena.

18 Q Now, if I can ask you to look in front of you in the  
19 box should be Exhibit 100, a blowup.

20 A Yes.

21 Q Can you just hold that up, pointing it toward me, and  
22 tell me what that is, sir?

23 A This is the blowups of one of the identifications from  
24 one of the ink prints on one of the lifts, as well as a  
25 blowup of one of the fingerprints on the fingerprint card

1 of Camarena.

2 Q And there's numbers in red, 1 through 12, on each  
3 side; is that correct?

4 A That is correct.

5 Q Can you tell me what these numbers represent?

6 A These numbers represent the characteristics which I  
7 identified as laying in the same road to position in both  
8 prints. The print -- fingerprint marked Fingerprint Number  
9 1 is from the inked fingerprint card of Camarena; and the  
10 fingerprint marked Number 2 is the -- one of the ink prints  
11 appearing on the -- one of the fingerprint lifts I used to  
12 take from Body Number 1 in the morgue in Guadalajara.

13 Q So are Numbers 1 through 12 points of comparison?

14 A That's the only ones that I charted for demonstrated  
15 purposes. There are additional four characteristics in  
16 these two prints that are also identified as being the  
17 same.

18 Q So --

19 A Just 12 is an arbitrary figure I used to make my  
20 comparison.

21 Q Just briefly explain to us how, based on this  
22 comparison, you concluded that they came from the same  
23 individual?

24 A Bear in mind that in order for these two prints to  
25 have been made from the same person, the ridge

1 characteristics in each print must lie in the same relative  
2 position, in which I found in these two prints here. And  
3 that's why I base my opinion that these two were made by  
4 the same person.

5 Q You can put that down. Thank you.

6 Incidentally, what finger is blown up there?

7 A This is the right middle finger from the body, as well  
8 as from the fingerprint card.

9 Q Now, sir, let me change directions here.

10 Are you familiar with the residence located at 881  
11 Lope de Vega in Guadalajara?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did you ever have an opportunity to go to that  
14 residence in 1985?

15 A Yes.

16 Q On more than one occasion?

17 A On more than one occasion.

18 Q When was the first time that you were there?

19 A First time was in April of 1985.

20 Q For what purpose?

21 A To process the residence for the presence of  
22 fingerprints or palm prints to be compared with and find  
23 out whose prints they are and who was there.

24 Q Subsequently, did you ever go back to that house on a  
25 different day?

1 A Yes.

2 Q When would that have been?

3 A That would have been in June. In fact, it was June  
4 25th that I arrived back at the residence to complete my  
5 examination of the residence.

6 Q Now, can you tell us if while at the residence the  
7 second time in June, did you find anything unusual on this  
8 particular visit?

9 A On this particular visit, while going through the  
10 residence with another examiner, we found some plastic bags  
11 on a shelf in one of the bedrooms, and we collected those  
12 items and placed them in another bag and sealed that bag.  
13 Then from that point on, after the other examiner was  
14 finished with his work, then I completed my work in the  
15 residence.

16 Q Let me stop you there.

17 Well, first of all, how many bags where there?

18 A There were eight plastic bags.

19 Q What kind of bags where they?

20 A They were the dry cleaner-type bags.

21 Q Had you previously seen those bags before June 25?

22 A Before June 25, in our first initial visit in April, I  
23 noticed the same plastic bags being in the same location at  
24 that time.

25 Q Incidentally, what other agents, if any, were with you

1 in June of '85 at the house?

2 A Agent Ron Rawalt.

3 Q Now, once you find these eight bags, what do you do  
4 with them?

5 A We sealed them in one plastic bag, using evidence  
6 tape, and marking the bag as where they came from, and  
7 initialing the bag.

8 Q Can I ask you to look right in front of you in the  
9 box, Government's Exhibit 166. That should be it.

10 A Yes.

11 Q Can you just hold that up and tell me what it is,  
12 briefly?

13 A This is the bag in which the eight plastic sheets were  
14 placed into and sealed at that time in June of '85.

15 Q Do you have any identifying handwriting on this?

16 A Yes. My -- I was the one that wrote "bedroom closet  
17 shelf," and it has my initials on here.

18 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, we move Exhibit 166 in  
19 at this time.

20 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

21 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 166 received.)

22 BY MR. MEDRANO:

23 Q Sir, you said you found it on a closet shelf in the  
24 bedroom?

25 A Yes.



1 Q What specific bedroom, if you recall?

2 A That was the second bedroom from the front of the  
3 house.

4 Q What do you do once you have this Exhibit 166, large  
5 bag, filled with eight smaller bags, what do you do with  
6 it?

7 A Well, at that point, we sealed it, and when we were  
8 finished with our examinations, took it back to the  
9 Consulate there in Guadalajara, and made arrangements to  
10 have it shipped to us in Washington, D.C. to keep the chain  
11 of evidence together.

12 THE COURT: Did you at some point in time examine  
13 those bags for latent fingerprints?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.

15 THE COURT: Can we get to the point?

16 MR. MEDRANO: Yes, Your Honor, I will move to that  
17 right now.

18 BY MR. MEDRANO:

19 Q What date did you examine them or process the  
20 evidence?

21 A July 8th of '85 I received these bags from the --  
22 Mr. Rawalt; and at that point, I started my examination of  
23 these plastic bags.

24 Q And when you processed these bags, was it with the  
25 techniques available at that time?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Did you develop any latent prints on any of those  
3 eight plastic bags?

4 A Yes. On six of the plastic bags I developed latent  
5 prints.

6 Q Now, can you tell us how many prints you found on each  
7 bag?

8 A At that time?

9 Q Yes, sir.

10 A There was 26 latent fingerprints and five latent palm  
11 prints.

12 Q Let me stop you there. You don't need to tell me  
13 where exactly you found them. Let me move on.

14 After you did this initial analysis, what did you  
15 end up doing with the exhibits?

16 A After I finished that analysis and I repackaged the  
17 plastic bags into this plastic bag, resealed it, and  
18 returned it to Mr. Rawalt.

19 Q Now, let me direct your attention, sir, to April 17 of  
20 1990.

21 On this date, did you receive anything?

22 A Yes. I received the major case prints of one Humberto  
23 Alvarez-Machain.

24 Q Did you do anything with those prints of Machain?

25 A Yes. I used these ink prints to make comparisons

1     against the latent prints that I developed on the plastic  
2     bags.

3     Q     And if you can look at -- is that Exhibit 51, the  
4     Machain prints?

5     A     Yes.

6             MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, we move the admission of  
7     51 at this time.

8             THE COURT: It may be admitted.

9             (Plaintiff's Exhibit 51 received.)

10     BY MR. MEDRANO:

11     Q     What were the results of your comparison?

12     A     I identified Machain's prints on several of the  
13     plastic bags.

14     Q     Total, how many did you find?

15     A     I'm trying to remember my total at that time. Nine  
16     fingerprints and two of the palm prints were identified as  
17     the fingerprints of -- appearing on this fingerprint card,  
18     as well as the major case prints, which includes the palm  
19     prints of the individual.

20     Q     And you found nine fingerprints and two palms on the  
21     various --

22     A     Several of the plastic bags, yes.

23     Q     Can you tell me what prints you found on what bag?

24     A     Without looking at my notes --

25             MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, may the witness peruse

1 his notes very quickly?

2 THE COURT: Is it necessary to know that?

3 MR. MEDRANO: I believe so, Your Honor. It will  
4 just take ten seconds just to --

5 THE COURT: Well, if you have your notes --

6 BY MR. MEDRANO:

7 Q Do you have your notes with you?

8 A My notes are in the witness room right now.

9 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, while I proceed, may I  
10 ask Mr. Berrellez to go obtain those notes?

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you.

13 BY MR. MEDRANO:

14 Q Let me direct your attention now to on or about  
15 October 16 of 1991.

16 At any point, do you have an opportunity to do an  
17 additional analysis or comparison?

18 A Yes. In October of '91, the plastic bags were  
19 resubmitted to my office in Washington, D.C. for further  
20 processing because of additional techniques that were  
21 developed since '85, and these additional techniques were  
22 applied to the plastic bags, and additional latent prints  
23 where developed on the plastic bags.

24 Q Can you tell me how many more were developed in  
25 October of '91?

1 A I developed an additional six fingerprints and four  
2 palm prints on the plastic bags at that time.

3 Q Anything else besides six prints and four latent  
4 palms?

5 A Yes. One -- I'm sorry -- one additional print which  
6 we call an impression and which we call an impression  
7 because it can either be a fingerprint or a palm print.

8 Q After doing this analysis, and after finding the  
9 additional latent prints, what did you end up doing with  
10 the eight plastic bags?

11 A I resealed them into these eight manila envelopes, and  
12 returned them to the D.E.A. office here in Los Angeles.

13 Q Are those manila envelopes Exhibits 48-A through H in  
14 front of you?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Can you pull out 48-B, please, and show us the  
17 contents very quickly. What is that?

18 A This is one of the plastic dry cleaner type bags that  
19 was processed for latent prints.

20 Q There are seven others like those in the remaining  
21 envelopes?

22 A Yes.

23 Q These were the ones that you found at Lope de Vega in  
24 June of 1985; is that correct?

25 A That is correct.

1 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, we move the admission of  
2 these exhibits.

3 THE COURT: That may be admitted.

4 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 48-A through 48-H received.)

5 BY MR. MEDRANO:

6 Q Now, sir, did you ever have an opportunity to compare  
7 the Machain prints once again to the additional latent  
8 prints that you had found?

9 A Yes.

10 Q What were the results of that, sir?

11 A The results of that, I found two additional  
12 fingerprint identifications and two additional latent palm  
13 print identifications with the fingerprints of Humberto  
14 Alvarez-Machain.

15 Q In essence, then, sir, were fingerprints of  
16 Dr. Machain found on all of the eight bags?

17 A Not all of the eight bags, no.

18 Q All but how many?

19 A On six of the plastic bags, I believe. If I could  
20 just check my notes one second I can tell you.

21 On five plastic bags. I'm sorry.

22 Q Now, Mr. Collins, finally, if you will pull out  
23 Exhibit 102 in the box in front of you. It should be a  
24 blowup. And tell us what that is.

25 Did you have -- well, again, tell us what that is.

1 I'm sorry.

2 A This is also, as the last blowup, it is an enlargement  
3 of an identification that I made off of one of the plastic  
4 bags, and the other blowup is one of the ink fingerprints  
5 on the major case prints that were submitted to me of  
6 Machain.

7 Q I noticed Numbers 1 through 15, each side.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Again, are these points of comparison?

10 A These are points of what we call points of identity,  
11 in which -- for demonstrative purposes is to show the jury  
12 how comparisons are made by pointing out the  
13 characteristics which match in both prints.

14 Although there are many more fingerprint  
15 characteristics in these two prints that match, I just used  
16 an arbitrary figure of 15, which I felt was well more than  
17 enough to display showing the identification of these two  
18 prints.

19 Q All right. You can put that down. Thank you.

20 Finally, Mr. Collins, let me direct you to  
21 Government's Exhibit 57 in the box.

22 Tell me what that is, sir?

23 A This appears to be items that I processed initially  
24 upon receipt of -- in late May and during the first few  
25 days of June I processed these items for latent prints.

1 Q And what were the results, sir?

2 A On these particular items, no latent prints of value  
3 were found for identification purposes.

4 Q Was that unusual in light of the evidence you had in  
5 front of you?

6 A No, it's not unusual at all with -- given the -- what  
7 we were processing at the time. Tissue paper, just a small  
8 piece of newspaper and a syringe.

9 Q Was the material the syringe is made of, would that  
10 impact on any way whether or not the person might leave  
11 prints on that surface?

12 A In my opinion, in all of the processes that I have  
13 done and what I have observed and processed, you know, of  
14 this type of evidence such as syringes, the latent prints  
15 that are developed on this type item are very far and few  
16 between.

17 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you. Your Honor, at this time  
18 we move in Exhibit 57.

19 THE COURT: It may be admitted.

20 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 57 received.)

21 MR. MEDRANO: In addition, Your Honor, I forgot to  
22 move in Exhibit 102, the blowup.

23 THE COURT: That may be received.

24 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 102 received.)

25 MR. MEDRANO: And finally -- pardon me, Exhibit



1 100 as well, the blowup regarding Camarena.

2 THE COURT: It may be received.

3 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 100 received.)

4 MR. MEDRANO: If I may have just one moment, Your  
5 Honor.

6 (Government counsel confer.)

7 MR. MEDRANO: That concludes direct. Thank you,  
8 Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Do you have any questions for this  
10 witness?

11 MR. MEDVENE: No, I don't, Your Honor.

12 MR. RUBIN: Do you want me to start now?

13 THE COURT: Yes.

14 CROSS-EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. RUBIN:

16 Q Mr. Collins, you were involved in the search of 881  
17 Lope de Vega?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And you were the person in charge of trying to find  
20 fingerprints in the entire area of 881 Lope de Vega, true?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And, in fact, isn't it true that other than on these  
23 plastic bags -- we'll discuss those in a while -- but were  
24 there latent fingerprints found in other areas of 881 Lope  
25 de Vega?

1 A Yes, there were.

2 Q And where were they located? What areas where they  
3 located in?

4 A They were located in a bedroom upstairs, in one of the  
5 bathrooms upstairs, and in each one of the bedrooms  
6 additional latent prints were developed. There were latent  
7 prints developed in a little guest house, as well as an  
8 automobile that was on the premises, and on a piece of  
9 paper that was found on the premises.

10 Q Now, in total of all of those fingerprints,  
11 approximately how many where there, other than the ones on  
12 the plastic bags that you developed?

13 A At this point in time, there's approximately 96 latent  
14 fingerprints that I have not identified to date.

15 Q You said that you have not identified to date?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What I'm asking is: How many total latent  
18 fingerprints, including the ones you may have identified to  
19 other people, did you find at 881 Lope de Vega other than  
20 those on the plastic bags?

21 A Other than the plastic bags?

22 Q Approximately?

23 A Approximately 125.

24 Q And, in fact, isn't it true that except for those  
25 plastic bags, not one of those other fingerprints, in any

1 of those other rooms, bedrooms, guest houses, anywhere  
2 else, have been identified as the fingerprints of Dr.  
3 Machain?

4 A That is correct.

5 Q And, in fact, there were fingerprints found in the  
6 room where Agent Camarena was questioned and interrogated  
7 and held; correct?

8 A Which room was that?

9 Q Well, were you advised of which room it was that he  
10 was questioned in?

11 A If I was, I don't remember.

12 Q Okay. Where there latent fingerprints found in every  
13 bedroom of that house?

14 A I believe there were.

15 Q And so if Mr. Camarena had been held in a bedroom, it  
16 would be true, is it not, that of the fingerprints found in  
17 the room he was held, none of them had been identified --

18 THE COURT: Counsel, this question is asked and  
19 answered. When you asked this witness except for the  
20 prints on the plastic bags, there were no other prints of  
21 your client.

22 BY MR. RUBIN:

23 Q Now, turning to the plastic bags, you found 26 latent  
24 prints on the plastic bags?

25 A All total there was 32 latent fingerprints, and nine

1 latent palm prints and one impression on the bags.

2 Q And were any of those fingerprints on the plastic bags  
3 those of Agent Camarena?

4 A No.

5 Q Have you ever been able to identify people whose --  
6 other than Dr. Machain, whose fingerprints were on the  
7 plastic bags?

8 A No, I haven't.

9 Q And did you make comparisons, for example, of the  
10 fingerprints of Rafael Caro-Quintero?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q Were you able to identify his fingerprints on the  
13 plastic bags?

14 A No, sir.

15 Q And did you look at the fingerprints of Miguel  
16 Felix-Gallardo?

17 A The only print that I had on Felix-Gallardo was a  
18 right thumb print or a right index print -- I think it was  
19 a right thumb print. I have not received his complete  
20 fingerprints or palm prints in this case.

21 Q And I take it, then, that you didn't identify any of  
22 his fingerprints on those plastic bags?

23 A No.

24 Q And Espino, Verdin-Espino, did you ever identify his  
25 fingerprints on the plastic bags?

1 A No.

2 THE COURT: Have you told us all of the prints  
3 that you were able to identify?

4 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

5 THE COURT: All right. Let's not keep asking that  
6 same question.

7 BY MR. RUBIN:

8 Q Now, based on your 35 years of expertise, can you give  
9 an opinion that the fingerprints Dr. Machain made on those  
10 plastic bags was made during the period February 7th to  
11 February 9th, 1985?

12 A No, I can't.

13 Q In fact, isn't it true that you are unable to tell in  
14 the most modern methods when those fingerprints were made?

15 A No, I can't.

16 Q In fact, those fingerprints could have been made a  
17 year before February 7th, 1985, true?

18 A If those plastic bags were around at that time, yes.

19 Q Now, it's also true, is it not, that those plastic  
20 bags are transportable, are they not? I mean, they can be  
21 moved?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And so it is true, is it not, there is no way that you  
24 can tell by your expertise the exact location where those  
25 fingerprints were made?

1 A You mean the location of where the plastic bags where  
2 or the location on the plastic bags?

3 Q It's true that you can tell where the plastic bags and  
4 the fingerprints where found --

5 A Yes.

6 Q -- at 881 Lope de Vega; correct?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q But you cannot tell where the fingerprints where made;  
9 isn't that true?

10 THE COURT: He is talking about the site when the  
11 fingerprint was applied to the --

12 THE WITNESS: No, I can't tell that.

13 BY MR. RUBIN:

14 Q And that's because they could have been brought from  
15 another place, they could have been made in another place,  
16 and then brought to 881 Lope de Vega?

17 MR. MEDRANO: Objection; asked and answered.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 BY MR. RUBIN:

20 Q And those are dry cleaner bags; isn't that right?

21 A They are the dry cleaner type bags that I found.

22 Q Those are bags that are typically used to protect  
23 clothing from getting dirt on them; correct?

24 A Correct.

25 Q Those are the kinds of bags that people may put over

1 their clothing when they are moving from one location of  
2 residence to another residence in order to protect them  
3 from dirt; isn't that true?

4 MR. MEDRANO: Objection; asked and answered.

5 THE COURT: These are just arguments you are  
6 making, Counsel.

7 The objection is sustained.

8 BY MR. RUBIN:

9 Q Now, what was the technique you used to develop the  
10 fingerprints on the plastic bags?

11 A There were several techniques. The first one being  
12 with the Super Glue method that we used, by heating super  
13 glue, actually cyanoacrylate in the Super Glue that you  
14 heat, and it gives off a white residue, and this adheres to  
15 any place where there may be moisture or oil or  
16 fingerprints, and after that powders can be applied and  
17 additional latent prints can be developed that way.

18 And then further on, the techniques I used in  
19 1991, was techniques of a liquid form, a chemical process.  
20 One of them being clodial gold [phonetic], which is a very  
21 complicated type process, which I'm really not a chemist to  
22 know exactly what is in there. I do have some papers that  
23 show what is in there, but that's just another method in  
24 developing latent prints.

25 Q There are certain methods that are better for plastics

1     than other methods; is that true?

2     A     Not really. The best course -- the best method is  
3     your cyanoacrylate fuming. That is the best.

4     Q     And the syringe that you tested, that's also made of  
5     plastic, is it not?

6     A     Yes.

7     Q     And it's true, isn't it, that on that syringe you did  
8     not find any fingerprints of Dr. Humberto Alvarez-Machain?

9     A     I didn't find any fingerprints at all.

10    Q     Now, one of the factors in leaving fingerprints is the  
11    amount of pressure that you may put on an object, true?

12    A     Not necessarily, no.

13    Q     Well, wouldn't the harder you press on an object leave  
14    more oils to leave more fingerprints than if you touch it  
15    lightly?

16    A     No.

17    Q     Now, where exactly in the search of 881 Lope de Vega  
18    did you find the plastic bags?

19    A     This was in the second bedroom from the front of the  
20    house.

21    Q     When you say the bedroom, it was in the closet?

22    A     Actually it was on a closet shelf.

23    Q     It was on a shelf up high?

24    A     Well, it wasn't up high to me.

25    Q     You may be taller than me. It may be high to me.



1           It was on a shelf, was it not?

2     A     It was on a shelf, yes.

3     Q     And were they all just folded up?

4     A     They weren't folded up, no. It was like they were  
5 just jammed in there.

6     Q     Just rumped up?

7     A     Yes.

8     Q     And stuffed on the shelf?

9           And you specifically recall these plastic sheets  
10 from the first search in April?

11    A     Well, I can't say for sure that they are exactly the  
12 same sheets, but they are in the same position as they were  
13 from March to -- well, from April to June.

14    Q     And nobody took them or collected them as part of the  
15 evidence at that time?

16    A     Not until June.

17    Q     Was there a reason why they were left there?

18    A     Yes, there was.

19    Q     What was that?

20    A     During our processing of 881 Lope de Vega in April,  
21 after finding a certain piece of evidence in that  
22 particular search, a Comandante from the Federalis came  
23 over and told us to leave the residence.

24    Q     But you did find in June those same sheets in the same  
25 spot?

1 A Yes.

2 THE COURT: That's been asked and answered.

3 Counsel, if it hasn't occurred to you, I'm trying  
4 to finish with this witness before we adjourn.

5 MR. RUBIN: I understand, Your Honor, but I  
6 have --

7 THE COURT: You have other questions?

8 MR. RUBIN: I am checking my notes.

9 THE COURT: You are now asking questions over and  
10 over again. You are catching this disease from  
11 government's counsel.

12 (Laughter.)

13 BY MR. RUBIN:

14 Q The syringe that you examined is made of plastic; is  
15 that correct?

16 A Yes.

17 MR. RUBIN: No further questions. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Do you have any redirect?

19 MR. MEDRANO: None whatsoever.

20 THE COURT: All right, sir, you may step down.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

22 (Witness excused.)

23 THE COURT: We will take our noon recess and  
24 reconvene at 1:30.

25 (Luncheon recess had.)

1 LOS ANGELES, CALIF.; THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1992; 1:30 P.M.

2 (Jury in.)

3 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

4 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, at this time the  
5 government calls Mr. Don Clements to the stand.

6 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

7 DONALD CLEMENTS, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

8 THE WITNESS: I do.

9 THE CLERK: Please be seated. State your full  
10 name for the record and spell your last name.

11 THE WITNESS: My name is Donald N. Clements,  
12 C-L-E-M-E-N-T-S.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. MEDRANO:

15 Q Mr. Clements, did you formerly serve with the Drug  
16 Enforcement Administration?

17 A Yes, sir, I did.

18 Q Presently, though, tell me what you do now?

19 A At the present time I'm Deputy Chief of Enforcement  
20 for the Nevada Gaming Control Board in Las Vegas.

21 MR. RUBIN: Excuse me, Your Honor. I'm having  
22 difficulty hearing him.

23 THE COURT: What?

24 MR. RUBIN: I'm having difficulty hearing him.

25 THE COURT: You didn't hear that last answer?

1 MR. RUBIN: No, I didn't.

2 MR. MEDRANO: I didn't either, Your Honor,  
3 actually. I'm having trouble hearing as well.

4 THE COURT: All right. Restate your present  
5 employment, please.

6 THE WITNESS: At the present time, I'm Deputy  
7 Chief of Enforcement with the Nevada Gaming Control Board  
8 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

9 BY MR. MEDRANO:

10 Q Could I just ask you to get just a tad closer to the  
11 microphone.

12 A All right.

13 Q Just a little bit more.

14 THE COURT: You may move your chair up a little.

15 THE WITNESS: How's that?

16 MR. MEDRANO: Thank you, Mr. Clements.

17 BY MR. MEDRANO:

18 Q Now, before that, sir, were you with the D.E.A.?

19 A Yes, I was.

20 Q For how long?

21 A Since April of 1986. That was the predecessor to Drug  
22 Enforcement Administration with U.S. Customs. When Drug  
23 Enforcement Administration was organized in July of 1973, I  
24 became a D.E.A. agent.

25 Q And any law enforcement experience before the D.E.A.?

1 A Before that, I was in the United States Border Patrol  
2 for a year and a half, and before that I was a South Dakota  
3 Highway Patrol State Trooper for four years.

4 Q Let me direct your attention to April of 1985.

5 At that point you were with the D.E.A.; correct?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q And your title and assignment, please.

8 A I was -- my title was Country Attache. My assignment  
9 was D.E.A. Attache to the U.S. Embassy in San Jose, Costa  
10 Rica.

11 Q Were there any other agents from the D.E.A. also  
12 assigned with you there?

13 A Yes, sir. In 1985 my assistant was Special Agent  
14 Sandalio Gonzalez.

15 Q Let me direct you now to on or about April 3 of 1985.

16 What happens on this particular day?

17 A The significant thing that happened on April 3rd was I  
18 was called from Puerta Renas, Costa Rico to return to the  
19 United States Embassy to receive a telephone call from  
20 D.E.A. Headquarters.

21 Q Did you have this telephone call?

22 A Yes, I did. I returned to the Embassy and used a  
23 secure telephone to have a discussion with Johnny Phelps  
24 from D.E.A. Headquarters.

25 Q And at that time were you advised about anything

1 concerning the Camarena investigation?

2 A Yes, sir. I was informed that D.E.A. Headquarters  
3 believed that Rafael Caro-Quintero, Sara Cosio, who was  
4 believed to be a kidnap victim, and some other people where  
5 in Costa Rica.

6 Q Armed with this information, what did you do next?

7 A They provided me with a telephone number at which time  
8 Costa Rican authorities assisted us in determining the  
9 location to which the telephone number was registered.

10 Q Were you able to ascertain the location?

11 A Yes, sir, we were. It came back to a house that was  
12 located approximately a half mile from the Juan Santa Maria  
13 International Airport in San Jose.

14 Q Did this particular house have a name?

15 A Subsequently I learned that it was called Quinta  
16 California. At that time I did not know that.

17 Q What happens after you identified this house,  
18 location?

19 A A number of things. After we located it, we conducted  
20 an aerial surveillance. We had numerous discussions with  
21 neighbors, people in the area, to find out what type of  
22 people were living there. Physical surveillance was  
23 conducted to determine what vehicles might be there. And  
24 subsequently we determined to seek a search warrant for the  
25 house and conduct a raid of that house.

1 Q And were you assisted by any local authorities in  
2 preparation for this raid at this house?

3 A Considerably. Initially we were assisted by the  
4 Dirrecion Control de Rogas [phonetic], which is the Costa  
5 Rician Narcotics Force. Subsequently, the Dirrecion  
6 Intelligencia de Seguridad, which is known as D.I.S., which  
7 is the security force, N.H.R. Security Force of Costa Rica,  
8 we were assisted by the Organismo Investigacion Valista  
9 which is similar to the U.S. FBI, the Minister of Public  
10 Security, the Minister of Immigration, which would be  
11 Immigration in the United States.

12 Q Let me stop you there and let me move on. Thank you.

13 Ultimately then, are plans made to raid or search  
14 this particular residence?

15 A Yes, sir. At approximately 11:00 o'clock on the  
16 evening of the 3rd, those plans were finalized.

17 Q And where they ever actually carried out, sir?

18 A Yes, sir, approximately 6:00, 6:15 in the morning of  
19 April 4th.

20 Q Well, the residence was raided?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q Were people arrested?

23 A Yes, sir. There were --

24 THE COURT: You've answered.

25 BY MR. MEDRANO:

1 Q Can you tell me who you arrested at that location?

2 A Arrested five people. The only one I know absolutely  
3 his real name was Rafael Caro-Quintero.

4 Q Where there other people with Caro-Quintero there?

5 A Yes, sir, there were four males and one female, and  
6 that female was identified as Sara Cosio.

7 Q If I can ask you to look directly in front of you to  
8 your right, there should be Exhibit 103.

9 At any point, sir, did you find anything besides  
10 Caro-Quintero at this house?

11 A Yes, sir. We found weapons, jewelry, documents, a  
12 number of items.

13 Q Can I ask you to look at Exhibit 103 and tell me what  
14 that is?

15 A This is a semi-automatic pistol, which is one of the  
16 weapons that were seized at the place.

17 Q And is there anything unique about that weapon?

18 A Well, it's significantly unique in that it has a  
19 heavily jeweled handle. I don't know what the jewels are,  
20 but it has the initial "R" and the number "1" on it.

21 Q You can put that down.

22 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, we move the admission of  
23 that exhibit.

24 MR. BLANCARTE: Your Honor, we object to the  
25 admission. There is no relevance established as to these



1 defendants. They admitted the bracelet with diamonds  
2 already.

3 THE COURT: Well, it's show biz, so we will admit  
4 it.

5 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 103 received.)

6 MR. MEDRANO: May I have just one moment, Your  
7 Honor.

8 (Government counsel confers.)

9 MR. MEDRANO: Your Honor, that concludes direct.  
10 Thank you.

11 THE COURT: Do you have any questions?

12 MR. MEDVENE: No, sir.

13 THE COURT: Do you?

14 MR. RUBIN: Just a couple questions.

15 CROSS-EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. RUBIN:

17 Q During the search of the house, did you find any  
18 medicines or syringes or medical supplies of any type in  
19 the house?

20 A Not to my knowledge, sir.

21 MR. RUBIN: No further questions.

22 THE COURT: You may step down.

23 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.

24 (Witness excused.)

25 THE COURT: Call your next witness.

1 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, the parties have entered  
2 into several other stipulations which I would like to read  
3 into the record at this time.

4 THE COURT: Very well. The jury will remember the  
5 stipulations are agreements that you may accept as evidence  
6 in this case.

7 MR. CARLTON: Stipulation Number 2: "If called  
8 and sworn as a witness, the D.E.A. Special Agent Robert  
9 Castillo would testify as follows:

10 "On September 10th, 1985, Agent Castillo collected  
11 a sample of soil from a location in Primavera Park,  
12 northwest of Guadalajara, Mexico. The soil was taken at a  
13 point approximately two feet below the surface of the  
14 ground. Agent Castillo sealed the soil in a container and  
15 delivered it to the F.B.I. Laboratory for analysis.  
16 Exhibit 43 consists of the soil sample collected by Agent  
17 Castillo on September 10th, 1985, and the container in  
18 which it was sealed."

19 Stipulation Number 3: "If called and sworn as a  
20 witness, D.E.A. Special Agent Wayne Schmidt would testify  
21 as follows:

22 "On January 26, 1989, Agent Schmidt obtained hairs  
23 from the head of Juan Ramon Matta-Ballesteros pursuant to a  
24 search warrant. These hairs were placed in bottles, each  
25 of which Agent Schmidt labeled with the area of the head

1 from which they were obtained. Agent Schmidt then sealed  
2 the bottles in D.E.A. evidence bags. On January 30th,  
3 1989, he mailed the sealed bags containing the bottles and  
4 the hairs to Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent  
5 Michael Malone at the F.B.I. Laboratory via registered  
6 mail, return receipt requested. Exhibit 50 consists of the  
7 hairs of Juan Ramon Matta-Ballesteros collected by Special  
8 Agent Schmidt on January 26th, 1989. The bottles into  
9 which Agent Schmidt placed the hairs and the D.E.A.  
10 evidence bags in which he sealed the bottles."

11 Stipulation Number 4: "Exhibit 51 consists of  
12 inked fingerprints and inked palm prints of Defendant  
13 Humberto Alvarez-Machain obtained from him on April 10th,  
14 1990."

15 Stipulation Number 5: "If called and sworn as a  
16 witness, D.E.A. Special Agent Robert Castillo would testify  
17 as follows:

18 "On May 29, 1986, Agent Castillo collected hair  
19 samples from the head of Serjio Espino-Verdin. He placed  
20 these hair samples into an envelope, sealed the envelope,  
21 and placed the envelop into a plastic D.E.A. evidence bag,  
22 which he also sealed. Exhibit 161 consists of the head  
23 hairs of Serjio Espino-Verdin obtained from him by Agent  
24 Castillo on May 29th, 1986, along with the envelope and  
25 D.E.A. evidence bag in which Agent Castillo sealed the

1     hairs."

2             Those are the stipulations.

3             THE COURT: Very well.

4             Call your next witness.

5             MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, the government calls  
6     John Dillon.

7             THE COURT: Let me tell the jury when I admonish  
8     counsel for any reason, that is not anything that should  
9     influence you. It does not mean that I favor one side or  
10    the other or what verdict you should receive. That's  
11    entirely up to you to decide, and you should decide that  
12    and ignore anything I say or do. I'm just trying to keep  
13    things moving here.

14            JOHN DILLON, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

15            THE WITNESS: I do.

16            THE CLERK: Please be seated. State your full  
17    name for the record and spell your last name.

18            THE WITNESS: My name is John H. Dillon,  
19    D-I-L-L-O-N, Jr.

20                                 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21    BY MR. CARLTON:

22    Q     Mr. Dillon, what is your present employment?

23    A     I'm currently employed as a Special Agent for the  
24    Federal Bureau of Investigation.

25    Q     How long have you been employed in that position?

1 A I've been a special agent for the F.B.I. for 22 years.

2 Q What is your present assignment?

3 A I'm currently assigned as the Unit Chief of the  
4 Firearms Toolmarks Unit in the F.B.I. Laboratory. That  
5 unit is the equivalent of a ballistics-type unit.

6 Q How long have you been in that assignment?

7 A I have been in that assignment for the last four and a  
8 half years, approximately.

9 Q What was your previous assignment?

10 A Previous to that, from 1982 to 1988, I was assigned to  
11 the Forensic Science Training Unit at the F.B.I. at  
12 Quantico, Virginia, with the primary duty of instructing  
13 D.E.A. and F.B.I. new agent trainees in the techniques of  
14 crime scene search and the collection and preservation of  
15 physical evidence.

16 Q Now, you mentioned the term "Forensic Science". Can  
17 you explain what that term means?

18 A Yes. Forensic Science is simply the application of  
19 scientific techniques to physical evidence or objects which  
20 may have value in proving some elements of a case in an  
21 investigative or prosecutive area.

22 Q You also referred to the term "crime scene". Does  
23 that have a special meaning to you in your work?

24 A Yes. Crime scene is an area inside or outside where a  
25 crime may have been committed.

1 Q While you were assigned to the Forensic Science  
2 Training Unit, did you participate in the investigation  
3 into the kidnapping of D.E.A. Agent Enrique Camarena?

4 A Yes, I did.

5 Q When was your first involvement in that investigation?

6 A I was called on March 6th of 1985, in the evening, by  
7 the Assistant Director of the FBI in charge of the  
8 Laboratory Division, and he directed me to proceed  
9 immediately to Guadalajara in Mexico in connection with  
10 that investigation.

11 Q What was it you were supposed to do there?

12 A The primary concern there was to, in company with a  
13 representative from the Identification Division, Mr. Carl  
14 Collins, proceed to Guadalajara, and the first part was to  
15 identify the remains thought to be those of Agent Camarena  
16 as those of Agent Camarena, and for me to gather physical  
17 evidence from the body of Agent Camarena and another  
18 individual at the Guadalajara City Morgue.

19 Q When did you arrive in Guadalajara?

20 A At first light on the 7th of March, 1985.

21 Q And, in fact, did you go to the Guadalajara Morgue on  
22 that date?

23 A Yes, we did.

24 Q And what did you do when you got there?

25 A When we got to the morgue, we initially parked outside

1 the morgue, and unloaded our equipment to conduct our  
2 search for evidence on the bodies, and we were directed by  
3 the officials there at the morgue to put our equipment back  
4 in the vehicle, to await their go-ahead to come into the  
5 morgue. About an hour later we were given permission to  
6 actually enter the morgue shortly after noon.

7 Q When you entered the morgue, were you shown any  
8 bodies?

9 A Yes. We were brought into an examination room where  
10 there were two bodies on steel tables, examination tables.

11 Q Was Agent Collins able to identify one of those bodies  
12 as being Agent Camarena?

13 A Yes, he was.

14 Q Did you conduct an examination of Agent Camarena's  
15 body?

16 A Yes, I did. My purpose was to gather any forms of  
17 evidence which could prove to be useful in making an  
18 association later on with other items of physical evidence.  
19 And the items that I gathered fell into the category of  
20 hairs, fibers, soil, and fabric samples, rope or cordage,  
21 tape in the shape of a blindfold, items such as this.

22 Q Did you examine any other items at the morgue while  
23 you were there, besides the body?

24 A Yes. While I was there examining the bodies for  
25 various forms of evidence, I did notice on the floor of the

1 examination room two piles of clothing. And on inquiry, I  
2 asked the morgue officials, as best I could, what the piles  
3 where, and it was indicated to me that these were  
4 associated with the two bodies that were there on the  
5 examination tables.

6 Q And what did these items consist of?

7 A These where clothing items and sheets, rope, parts of  
8 ropes, and tape.

9 Q Did you attempt to collect these items for evidentiary  
10 purposes?

11 A Yes, I did. I -- after I saw these on the floor and  
12 came to understand what they were, I requested of the  
13 morgue officials if I could obtain these items for -- as  
14 items of evidence, and they said that I could not.

15 My fall back position was to request permission to  
16 scrape these items to preserve the material that would be  
17 scraped off in the form typically of hairs, fibers, soil,  
18 things like that, because of their potential value in  
19 making associations later on.

20 They declined to give me permission to do that, so  
21 I requested permission of them to make cuttings to obtain  
22 samples of these items for retention, which they did allow  
23 me to do.

24 Q If you would look immediately to your right, I think  
25 down on the floor is a bag of items.



1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q I believe there is an item in that bag labeled Number  
3 28. Could you please find that.

4 A Yes, I have Exhibit 28.

5 Q Do you recognize that?

6 A Yes, I do. It's a box here, a cardboard box, marked  
7 with my initials, and the inscription on it is, "Soil  
8 deposition from the right knee of Body Number 1."

9 Q Is that soil you removed from the right knee of Agent  
10 Camarena's corpse?

11 A That is correct, yes.

12 Q Please look at what has been marked as Exhibit 29.

13 A Yes, I see in the package here a cardboard box with my  
14 symbol on it. The inscription on it is, "Soil sample from  
15 shorts associated with Body Number 1."

16 Q Body Number 1 is Agent Camarena; correct?

17 A Being Agent Camarena, yes.

18 Q And Exhibit Number 30, please, if you would look at  
19 that.

20 A Yes, I see in the package here a cardboard box with my  
21 symbol on it. The inscription, "Strip of adhesive  
22 blindfold associated with Body Number 1," Agent Camarena.

23 Q And Exhibit 31, if you would?

24 A I see within the envelope here a paper bag and a piece  
25 of cloth, both marked with my symbol, and on the paper bag

1 the inscription, "Soil fabric sample from shorts associated  
2 with Body Number 1," being Agent Camarena's body.

3 Q Would you please look at Exhibit 32.

4 A I see a piece of cloth here within, and a container, a  
5 paper bag, containing -- the piece of cloth has my mark on  
6 it, "T.M.", and the bag marked Q-23, containing a fabric  
7 sample.

8 Q Do you recall what that fabric is a sample of?

9 A Yes. I would have to refer to my notes. I see the  
10 marking here is somewhat blotted.

11 Q Did you take a sample of a sheet while you were at the  
12 morgue?

13 A Yes, a burial sheet.

14 Q Does that appear to be a sample of the burial sheet?

15 A Yes, it has the same design on it.

16 Q If you would look at Exhibit 33.

17 A I see within here a cardboard box with my symbol on it  
18 with the caption, "Debris from burial sheet associated with  
19 Body Number 1." This is material that was loose material  
20 on the burial sheet which I put into a box to preserve it.

21 Q Do you have Exhibit 34 in front of you?

22 A Yes, I do.

23 Q And can you tell us what that is?

24 A Yes. It's a multi-colored piece of cloth here in a  
25 container. Indicates it's a portion of a multi-colored

1 shirt associated with Body Number 2, not that of Agent  
2 Camarena.

3 Q And Exhibit 35.

4 A 35 also contains a piece of cloth and a wrapper with a  
5 caption on it, "Portion of a velour sweatshirt associated  
6 with Body Number 2," not that of Agent Camarena.

7 Q Do you have Exhibit 36 in front of you?

8 A Yes, I do.

9 Q Would you please examine that.

10 A Yes. This is a box also in the envelope here with my  
11 symbol on it, and the caption, "Head hair sample from Body  
12 Number 1," Agent Camarena's body.

13 Q And do you recall from where you obtained that sample  
14 of head hair?

15 A Yes. I obtained that at the morgue in the City of  
16 Guadalajara.

17 Q And Exhibit 37, if you would?

18 A This is cordage that was associated with Body  
19 Number 1. In the container also the box that I placed it  
20 in with my symbol on it.

21 Q Was there a particular odor associated with these  
22 materials?

23 A Yes. Typical of the decomposition of human tissue.

24 Q Was there a particular texture to them as well?

25 A Yes. A kind of greasy or soapy appearance, consistent

1 with a decomposed body.

2 Q Now, the next day did you continue your efforts in  
3 this investigation?

4 A Yes. On the second day -- the first day the priority  
5 was, of course, to identify the body and to move on beyond  
6 that in that return of the body to the U.S. was the  
7 concern.

8 The second day the priority was to move out to the  
9 location where the bodies were found, to attempt to find  
10 any forms of evidence out there that might prove useful in  
11 making an association later on during the investigation.

12 MR. CARLTON: Now if you would please -- may I  
13 have a moment, Your Honor?

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 (Government counsel confer.)

16 BY MR. CARLTON:

17 Q Look on the cart just to your right. There should be  
18 a photograph marked Exhibit 25.

19 Is that the location you went after your visit to  
20 the morgue the following day?

21 A Yes. This is the location along a highway north of  
22 the town of Zamora, looking towards the area where the  
23 bodies were originally found as indicated to me by members  
24 of the Mexican Federal Judicial Police.

25 Q You can put that down, now. Thank you.

1 Did you collect any soil samples from that site?

2 A Yes, I did. I did collect soil, among other things,  
3 from that site against the possibility that comparisons  
4 would be necessary later on.

5 Q And do you have in front of you Exhibits 38-A and B?

6 A Exhibit 38-A is a paper bag that was used to contain  
7 three soil samples which are designated as Exhibit 38-B,  
8 101-B and 35-B.

9 Q Are those soil samples the samples that you obtained  
10 from the location where the bodies were found?

11 A Yes, they are.

12 Q Now, what did you do with all of these items that you  
13 have just described?

14 A I kept them in my care and custody until my ultimate  
15 return to the F.B.I. Laboratory.

16 Q You took them back to the F.B.I. Laboratory yourself?

17 A Yes, I did.

18 Q What did you do with them when you got there?

19 A On return to the laboratory, I turned these over to  
20 the Evidence Control Center in the F.B.I. Laboratory.

21 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I would move the  
22 admission of these exhibits.

23 THE COURT: They may be admitted.

24 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 28 through 37,  
25 35-B, 38-A, 38-B, and 101-B received.)

1 MR. CARLTON: That's all I have at this point.

2 THE COURT: Do you have any questions?

3 MR. MEDVENE: No.

4 MR. RUBIN: Yes, sir, just briefly, Your Honor.

5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. RUBIN:

7 Q Mr. Dillon, are you familiar with the principles of a  
8 crime scene search?

9 A Yes, I am.

10 Q And what are those techniques?

11 A In a crime scene search, the objective is to obtain  
12 any items that might be of use in -- for lead purposes or  
13 in the prosecution of a case. In many instances, it's not  
14 possible to anticipate everything that might be of value,  
15 and so normally there is a broad spectrum look at a crime  
16 scene in order to obtain things that may be necessary for  
17 comparisons later on.

18 Q You would agree, would you not, that one of the  
19 principles in crime scene search techniques is to try and  
20 preserve and protect the crime scene area so that it's not  
21 spoiled or so it remains pristine?

22 A Normally in the administration of a crime scene  
23 search, a high priority is given to isolation of that scene  
24 to prevent contamination.

25 Q When you say "contamination," that means so that

1 things that are not brought into that area at a later date  
2 which may have nothing to do with evidence that you are  
3 looking for at a previous time?

4 A That is always a concern, yes.

5 Q And at 881 Lope de Vega, do you know whether or not  
6 the crime scene was preserved between February of 1985 and  
7 April of 1985?

8 MR. CARLTON: Objection, Your Honor, beyond the  
9 scope. No foundation.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 MR. RUBIN: No further questions. Thank you.

12 THE COURT: You may step down.

13 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

14 (Witness excused.)

15 THE COURT: Next witness.

16 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, the government calls  
17 Wayne Oakes.

18 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

19 WAYNE OAKES, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

20 THE WITNESS: I do.

21 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

22 State your full name for the record and spell your  
23 last name.

24 THE WITNESS: Yes. My name is Wayne W. Oakes.

25 Last name is spelled O-A-K-E-S.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. CARLTON:

Q Mr. Oakes, what is your present employment?

A I am a Supervisory Special Agent with the F.B.I.,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Q How long have you been employed by the F.B.I.?

A Approximately 15 years.

Q How long have you been employed in the F.B.I.  
Laboratory?

A For a little over 11 years.

Q Did you travel to Guadalajara in relation to the  
investigation of the kidnapping of Enrique Camarena?

A Yes, I did, in the spring of 1985.

Q Was that on March 27th?

A Yes.

Q What was your purpose in going there at that time?

A To conduct a search of a 1983 black Mercury Grand  
Marquis.

Q And when you arrived in Guadalajara, did you see this  
Marquis?

A Yes, I did. I initially saw it on March 27th at the  
M.F.J.P. Headquarters. Subsequently saw it the following  
day at the M.F.J.P. hanger at the Guadalajara Airport.  
It's at that location that we actually conducted the search  
of that vehicle.



1 Q And what kind of a search were you there to perform?

2 A To conduct an examination of that vehicle for trace  
3 evidence which might consist of hairs, textile fibers,  
4 paint chips, glass, soils, whatnot.

5 Q And what did you do in relation to your search of this  
6 vehicle?

7 A Primarily my function was to remove any items from the  
8 vehicle that were portable, in other words, paper items or  
9 such, that might lend themselves to later on being examined  
10 for fingerprints, and then to conduct an examination of  
11 trace evidence by vacuum sweeping certain items and taking  
12 that debris back to the F.B.I. Laboratory for further  
13 examination.

14 Q In conducting a vacuum sweep, do you use a special  
15 kind of a vacuum cleaner?

16 A Yes. It's made by a company that services law  
17 enforcement agencies, and it essentially looks like a  
18 household canister vacuum cleaner, but it has a trapping  
19 system that allows the trace evidence, which, again, might  
20 be hairs or textile fibers, to be trapped, collected, so  
21 they could be preserved and then later examined back at the  
22 laboratory.

23 Q Did you obtain any items of evidence from this  
24 vehicle?

25 A Yes, I did.

1 Q What where they? Can you describe them?

2 A Number of paper items, again, that might lend  
3 themselves to fingerprints. Fabric samples from the  
4 carpeting and the seats. Vacuum sweepings from the  
5 interior of the vehicle, as well as the trunk. I removed  
6 the floor-mats. That was essentially the items that I  
7 removed.

8 Q I believe in the box in front of you, you should find  
9 an exhibit marked Number 40.

10 A Yes, I have that item.

11 Q Do you recognize that?

12 A Yes, I do. It bears my initials, "WWO," as well as  
13 the number 15, which just means the 15th item that I  
14 removed from the vehicle. It also has the designation  
15 Q-38, which just means question item Number 38, and that  
16 designation was put on later back at the F.B.I. Laboratory.

17 Q What is this?

18 A It's a floormat which I removed from the right-rear  
19 floor of the 1983 Mercury Grand Marquis.

20 Q I believe in that same box you will see an exhibit  
21 marked 41.

22 A Yes.

23 Q Do you recognize that?

24 A Yes, I do. It also has my initials on it "WWO", as  
25 well as Item Number 30, again just the 30th item that I

1 removed. It's vacuum sweepings from the front passenger  
2 seat of the same vehicle.

3 Q What did you do with these items after you completed  
4 your search in Mexico?

5 A I personally took them back to the F.B.I. Laboratory,  
6 and at that time I turned them over to Special Agent Ron  
7 Rawalt.

8 MR. CARLTON: May I have just a moment, Your  
9 Honor?

10 BY MR. CARLTON:

11 Q Agent Oakes, if you would look on the cart to your  
12 right. I believe there's a photograph marked 11-C.

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you recognize that?

15 A Yes, I do. It appears to be a photograph of the 1983  
16 Mercury Marquis which I examined in Guadalajara in March of  
17 1985.

18 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I'd move the admission  
19 of these exhibits.

20 THE COURT: They may be admitted.  
21 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 40 and 41 received.)

22 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further.

23 THE COURT: You may cross-examine.

24 MR. MEDVENE: No questions, Your Honor.

25 MR. RUBIN: No questions, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: You may step down.

2 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 (Witness excused).

4 THE COURT: Next witness.

5 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, the government calls  
6 Ronald Rawalt.

7 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

8 RONALD RAWALT, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

9 THE WITNESS: I do.

10 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

11 State your full name for the record and spell your  
12 last name.

13 THE WITNESS: My name is Ronald Rawalt. My last  
14 name is spelled R-A-W-A-L-T.

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. CARLTON:

17 Q Mr. Rawalt, what is your present employment?

18 A I'm a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of  
19 Investigation.

20 Q How long have you employed by the F.B.I.?

21 A Just over 20 years.

22 Q What's your present assignment?

23 A I'm a Criminal Investigator in the Omaha Field  
24 Division.

25 Q How long have you been in that assignment?

1 A About four and three-quarter years.

2 Q What was your assignment immediately prior to this?

3 A I was assigned to the F.B.I. Laboratory, Mineralogy  
4 Unit for approximately nine years prior to my assignment to  
5 the Omaha Field Office.

6 Q In the Mineralogy Unit what were your duties,  
7 generally?

8 A My duties where to conduct examinations of items of  
9 evidence that were of naturally occurring or man-altered  
10 material of geologic origin: Soil, glass, building  
11 materials, gemstones, and safe insulations.

12 Q While you were assigned to the F.B.I. Laboratory, did  
13 you participate into the investigation of the kidnapping of  
14 Enrique Camarena?

15 A Yes, sir, I did.

16 Q In the course of that, did you travel to Guadalajara?

17 A On several occasions, yes.

18 Q When was the first time?

19 A The first time was April 12th of 1985.

20 Q What was the purpose in your visit at that time?

21 A There were several purposes. The first was to assist  
22 in a crime scene examination of a residence located at 881  
23 Lope de Vega in Guadalajara. Do an on-site examination and  
24 retrieve evidence from that site, and conduct a soil  
25 analysis survey for possible burial sites in and around

1 Guadalajara, Mexico, to compare with the soil that had been  
2 previously removed from Special Agent Camarena's body.

3 Q When did you arrive in Guadalajara?

4 A Late in the afternoon of the 12th of April --

5 Q Did you --

6 A -- 1985.

7 Q Did you, in fact, go to 881 Lope de Vega?

8 A Several hours after we arrived, we where allowed  
9 entrance into that residence.

10 Q About what time of the day was it?

11 A It was late afternoon, before the sun went down. I  
12 believe we landed around 4:00, 4:30. There was a short  
13 meeting, and I did not take notes on the time, but it was  
14 shortly thereafter, possibly 5:00, 5:30-ish.

15 Q Was anyone else at the house when you arrived?

16 A Yes, sir.

17 Q Who was that?

18 A There was a contingent of the Mexican Federal Judicial  
19 Police, roughly eight to twelve officers that were present  
20 at the residence when we arrived.

21 Q Now, while you were at that location, did you notice  
22 whether there was a swimming pool?

23 A Yes, sir, I did.

24 Q Was there something about the swimming pool that  
25 struck you as significant to the investigation or possibly

1 significant?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What was that?

4 A The location of the swimming pool within the yard  
5 suggested to me a natural place to dispose of items. So I  
6 found the pool cleaning brush, which is on a long pole, and  
7 pushed it through the swimming pool to determine if  
8 anything was in the pool, if I could feel anything. This  
9 was necessary because the water was so fouled and dirty you  
10 could not see into the water. It had not been cleaned in a  
11 long period of time.

12 And it was during this period of time I could feel  
13 items on the bottom of the swimming pool.

14 Q Could you tell by the feel how substantial these items  
15 where?

16 A Yes. I could actually hook onto them with the brush  
17 and start to push them, but I couldn't get them out of the  
18 pool because of the slope of the side of the pool, and the  
19 design of the brush, but I could feel them, I could move  
20 them, but I could not remove them from the pool.

21 Q Did you do anything else to try to retrieve these  
22 items?

23 A Yes.

24 Q What was that?

25 A I located two pumps, which are referred to as trash

1 pumps, attempted to get them to run. One of them was  
2 burned out and would not run. The other one, when it was  
3 hooked up, I was doing the electrical wiring on it, I  
4 eventually hooked it up backwards because I burned it out,  
5 also.

6 Q Was a request made to the M.F.J.P. to try to get  
7 another pump?

8 A Yes, sir.

9 Q And were you ever allowed to use another pump on this  
10 pool?

11 A I was not.

12 Q Did you return to the house another time during this  
13 trip to Guadalajara?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q What was the condition of the pool at that time?

16 A It was early morning and it had been totally cleaned.  
17 There was nothing in the pool. There was no water and no  
18 debris.

19 Q Did you ask to be shown the debris?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q What were you shown?

22 A I was shown a small pile of leaves and organic debris,  
23 twigs, and such, about the -- about approximately 18 inches  
24 long by maybe six to eight inches high.

25 Q Was the substance of that debris consistent with the



1 substance of the debris you could feel in the pool several  
2 days earlier?

3 A No, sir.

4 MR. RUBIN: Objection; calls for speculation.

5 THE COURT: Overruled.

6 THE WITNESS: No, sir. The debris that I was  
7 shown was the debris that was floating on top of the pool.  
8 The loose leaves from the trees that had blown in. I could  
9 feel objects. I could roll objects. They had substance.  
10 They were not the same as what I was shown.

11 BY MR. CARLTON:

12 Q Did you come to some sort of conclusion as to whether  
13 you were being shown all of the debris that was in the  
14 pool?

15 A Yes.

16 Q What was that conclusion?

17 A My conclusion was that the pool had been cleaned  
18 outside of my presence, and that those items had been  
19 removed.

20 Q Now, returning to the evening of your first visit to  
21 the house, in a general way, what was it you did that  
22 evening?

23 A The first thing that I did was assemble the  
24 individuals that I had brought to Guadalajara or that I had  
25 assigned to me in Guadalajara to formulate a plan of action

1 for the processing of the crime scene area, being the house  
2 and the grounds.

3 I was the case agent for the Federal Bureau of  
4 Investigation Laboratory. I assigned responsibilities to  
5 the individuals that were present, and asked people  
6 generally to look around the crime scene for areas that  
7 were logically present, that could have been utilized to  
8 hold an individual, or that were obviously portions of a  
9 crime scene. Something may be disturbed, there may be  
10 blood, broken furniture, anything where a fight might have  
11 happened, and to identify those to me so that I could take  
12 a look at them. We could plan a course of action for the  
13 crime scene.

14 This took approximately two hour's time to totally  
15 look over the grounds and come forward with a plan of  
16 action that would allow us to best attack the problem that  
17 we had at hand. I also did a little work on the house to  
18 ensure that we had electricity available to us for the  
19 processing.

20 Q Now, I believe in front of you, you should see an  
21 exhibit marked 57.

22 A I don't see a 57. Will it be in this book?

23 Q No, it wouldn't be in that book.

24 MR. CARLTON: May I have just a moment, Your  
25 Honor?

1           We will move on just for a moment.

2       BY MR. CARLTON:

3       Q     After you completed your activities at the house on  
4     this first evening, how much time passed before you  
5     returned to the house?

6       A     Approximately nine, ten hours.

7       Q     And what was your object in returning to the house?

8       A     The object in returning to the house was to continue  
9     processing the next morning those items or those rooms that  
10    we had not completed processing the previous evening.

11    Q     And had you been able to process any of the bedrooms  
12    on the first visit?

13    A     The bedroom referred to as the guest bedroom or the  
14    guest house had been processed the previous evening, the  
15    night of the day that I arrived in Guadalajara. None of  
16    the bedrooms of the main house had been processed.

17    Q     What was this guest house that you referred to?

18    A     This was a masonry adobe structure that was  
19    immediately behind, but adjacent to the main house. It was  
20    a two-part structure, containing a bedroom and bathroom  
21    combination, and a combination room that contained pumps  
22    and filters for the swimming pool, with a small storage  
23    room off of the pump filter room, and that pump filter  
24    room, storage room, had its own access.

25           The bedroom-bathroom had an access on the opposite

1 side, and it appeared to be a small bungalow that guests  
2 would stay at, because of the facilities that were present.

3 Q You participated in processing that location?

4 A I did.

5 Q In the course of that work, did you encounter a  
6 syringe?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Where was that?

9 A The syringe was on the floor in the bathroom of the  
10 guest house. It's a plastic syringe that was readily  
11 apparent as you walked in the bathroom, laying on the  
12 floor.

13 Q What did you do with that syringe?

14 A That syringe was taken and placed into a plastic  
15 ziplock bag. It was taped shut and the bag was marked to  
16 identify the location that the syringe had been picked up.

17 Also present in the same general area was a small  
18 amount of paper debris, that was also picked up at the same  
19 time because of its general proximity. And that is  
20 represented by --

21 Q What do you have in your hand, for the record?

22 A For the record, I am -- I have a heat sealed plastic  
23 bag, Plaintiff's Exhibit 57, that contains within it the  
24 ziplock bag that I marked in Guadalajara the night that the  
25 examination took place, the processing. That ziplock bag

1 contains the paper debris and the syringe, and this is all  
2 placed in a container marked Exhibit 57. Also attached is  
3 a photograph that I took at the time that the syringe was  
4 removed from the bathroom floor.

5 Q Is that where the syringe was found?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q What did you do with this sealed bag containing the  
8 syringe?

9 A I labeled it, I initialed it. Michael Malone, who was  
10 also present with me, another Special Agent, initialed it,  
11 and I placed it in a larger container that I was carrying  
12 with me that I was going to either ship back or carry back  
13 to Washington, D.C., and eventually it was removed from  
14 that scene.

15 Q Did you receive it in Washington, D.C.?

16 A Yes, I did.

17 Q And when you received it, was it still in the sealed  
18 bag?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q And did you deliver it to someone in that condition?

21 A It was delivered to two different individuals at the  
22 laboratory. The first individual it would have been  
23 delivered to in the original sealed condition. An  
24 examination would have conducted necessitating the removal  
25 of the seal. It was returned to me, and then I delivered

1 it to a latent fingerprint specialist assigned to the  
2 F.B.I. Headquarters.

3 Q Who was the first person you delivered it to? Was  
4 that Drew Richardson?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q And who was the latent fingerprint specialist?

7 A Carl Collins.

8 Q Now, on the second visit that you made to 881 Lope de  
9 Vega, were you able to process any of the bedrooms in the  
10 house?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Which ones?

13 A In the house itself, the processing took place of the  
14 bedrooms on the main floor, which where the bedrooms  
15 immediately to the right and adjacent to the front door,  
16 running all the way along the right side of the house,  
17 towards the back of the house. They were all in a row.

18 Q And when that was completed, did you walk the grounds?

19 A The grounds were walked several times. Both the first  
20 time and the last time. The subsequent processing, we had  
21 already recovered everything from the grounds that we felt  
22 was necessary, but, yes, I did walk the grounds.

23 Q If you would look, please, I believe in the book in  
24 front of you should be two exhibits marked 47-A and B.

25 Do you recognize those?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q And what are those?

3 A May I demonstrate them or just --

4 Q Please.

5 THE COURT: Just a minute. Just answer what they  
6 are verbally.

7 THE WITNESS: 47-A and 47-B are photographs that I  
8 took during the initial crime scene processing on the first  
9 trip to Guadalajara, Mexico.

10 BY MR. CARLTON:

11 Q What do they depict?

12 A They depict the original location that a license plate  
13 was found in the drain on the tennis courts which was on  
14 the property, and that is 47-A.

15 47-B is a photograph of the actual license plate  
16 once it has been retrieved from the drain and unfolded so  
17 that all the letters are visible.

18 Q How did you come to find this license plate?

19 A It was during a search of the grounds. I was walking  
20 around, accompanied by Special Agent Malone, and we were  
21 conducting a search to look for items of evidence or items  
22 that we would believe would be evidence, and I was walking  
23 down the edge of the tennis court.

24 The sun was almost straight overhead and I noticed  
25 something gold and bright down in this drain, which is

1 about two-and-a-half feet down into the ground. It turns  
2 and goes under the tennis court.

3 And by repositioning myself, I can see that the  
4 gold was a portion of a letter from a license plate from  
5 Jalisco, Mexico, and the license plate is gold letters over  
6 a blue background.

7 And by, again, repositioning myself, I could look  
8 and see that there was actually a plate with a small corner  
9 sticking out of the drain allowing it to be viewed.

10 Q Were you able to retrieve this license plate?

11 A Yes.

12 Q How were you able to do that?

13 A I had to remove the grate covering the drain, which  
14 was poured in the concrete and macadam. We did that  
15 physically by pulling it out of the concrete, and then  
16 reaching in with a gloved hand the plate was slid out,  
17 photographed, and then removed, unfolded, and photographed.

18 Q Well, when this happened were there M.F.J.P. agents on  
19 the premises at 881 Lope de Vega?

20 A Yes, there were.

21 Q At some point were they informed that you had found  
22 this license plate?

23 A Yes. Initially a request had been made to assist us  
24 by providing us with a crow bar to remove the grate out of  
25 the concrete and out of the macadam.



1 Q What happened at that point?

2 A The first M.F.J.P. officer came back to see what the  
3 request actually entailed. He immediately noticed the  
4 license plate, called to another M.F.J.P. Officer, and they  
5 began talking rapidly, very excited style of gesturing. I  
6 don't understand Spanish, but it was obvious that there was  
7 something that they were excited about.

8 One of them then left on a run back towards the  
9 house. There was also a D.E.A. present -- a D.E.A. agent  
10 present who interpreted for me what was going on, and I was  
11 advised that the license plate that I had found would not  
12 be allowed to be removed, that it was going to cause a  
13 problem of some kind, and that a comandante or an assistant  
14 comandante was being called for some type of advice  
15 relative to that license plate.

16 Q Were you then ordered off the property?

17 A Not at this point in time. That was about 20 minutes  
18 later.

19 Q Did that conclude your investigation at 881 Lope de  
20 Vega during this trip?

21 A The conclusion was about 20 minutes later when I  
22 refused to turn the license plate over. I was instructed  
23 that I had to turn it over. I was ordered to and I  
24 complied, and at that point in time I was told I had to  
25 leave Guadalajara -- 881 Lope de Vega and that my search

1 would no longer be allowed to continue at that location.

2 Q Did you return to the Lope de Vega residence on  
3 another occasion?

4 A Yes, sir, I did.

5 Q When was that?

6 A June 24th of 1985, approximately two months and a week  
7 or so later.

8 Q What was the purpose of this return visit?

9 A To continue processing portions of that residence that  
10 I had not been allowed to complete on my first trip.

11 Q I believe in front of you should be two exhibits  
12 marked 44 and 45.

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you recognize those?

15 A I recognize the bags and the resulting items that were  
16 removed, yes.

17 Q All right. What is Exhibit 44?

18 A 44 are items that were removed at the F.B.I.  
19 Laboratory from vacuum sweepings which were represented by  
20 45.

21 Q Vacuum sweepings from what location?

22 A Vacuum sweepings which are contained in this bag, Item  
23 45, were removed during processing by myself from the back  
24 bedroom of the residence located at 881 Lope de Vega.

25 Q And 45 is what?

1 A That's 45.

2 Q Oh, I'm sorry.

3 44 consists of?

4 A 44 will be items that were ultimately removed from  
5 this Item 45.

6 Q What did you do with these materials after you  
7 obtained them?

8 A At the scene, the bag was labeled, signed and  
9 initialed, and sealed. This bag contains debris from a  
10 certain portion of that bedroom. I then took this bag,  
11 placed it with other items that I had recovered at that  
12 scene during that examination, returned to the American  
13 Consulate in Guadalajara, placed these items in a box, and  
14 ultimately sealed the box and arranged to have that box  
15 transmitted back to Washington, D.C. to me, where I  
16 received it at a later date.

17 Q Is that what you did with all the items you recovered  
18 at Lope de Vega on this occasion?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Now, Agent Rawalt, would you please describe your  
21 education, training, and experience in the field of soil  
22 comparison, mineral analysis?

23 A Yes, sir. I graduated in 1971 from Nebraska State  
24 College in Chadron, Nebraska -- that's C-H-A-D-R-O-N --  
25 with a Bachelor's degree in Earth Science.

1           During the time that I studied the curriculum for  
2     Earth Science, I took courses in mineralogy, which is the  
3     study of the identification of individual minerals by their  
4     optical and physical characteristics; Protology, which is  
5     the study of rocks and the makeup of rocks, of their  
6     mineral components, and geology.

7           Upon graduation, I attended graduate school at  
8     Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado in  
9     Geology for one term, and discontinued my formal education  
10    because of an offer of employment by the Federal Bureau of  
11    Investigation.

12          I was assigned to the Los Angeles Field Division  
13    as a Criminal Investigator, and then because of my  
14    background as it related to my formal training in Earth  
15    Science and Geology, I was transferred back to the F.B.I.  
16    Headquarters and assigned to the F.B.I. Laboratory to the  
17    Mineralogy Unit.

18          Prior to being allowed to actually examine  
19    evidence and conduct crime scene examinations, I underwent  
20    a little over a year's training in the identification of  
21    minerals by the techniques utilized by the laboratory,  
22    which were somewhat more advanced than the techniques I  
23    had learned in college because of the length of time that  
24    had passed, and the development of instrumentation.

25          I refamiliarized myself with textbooks and

1 courses, and studied the identification of minerals in  
2 their various forms for a little over a year's period of  
3 time.

4 During this time the instruction was completed by  
5 qualified examiners within the laboratory system.

6 At the end of that period of time, I was assigned  
7 a case load and expected to conduct examinations as they  
8 related to those cases.

9 Q In the course of your work with the F.B.I., have you  
10 ever testified in relation to soil examinations?

11 A Yes, I have.

12 Q About how many times?

13 A With relationship to Forensic Mineralogy, which is the  
14 identification of the minerals in the soils and other  
15 areas, somewhere between 150 and 200 times.

16 Q Have you ever taught any courses in this field?

17 A Yes, I have.

18 Q Where?

19 A At the Forensic Science Research and Training Center  
20 in Quantico, Virginia. I was an instructor for laboratory  
21 personnel from state and local laboratories on certain  
22 aspects of forensic mineralogy.

23 Q Did you ever perform any soil comparisons and analyses  
24 in this case?

25 A Yes, I did.

1 Q If you would look before you at what has been marked  
2 as Exhibits 28 and 29. Do you see those?

3 Let me ask you this. In the course of your soil  
4 comparisons in the case, did you ever find two samples of  
5 soil that matched one another?

6 A I did.

7 Q And what were the sources of those two items of soil?

8 A One of the items was a item of soil that was removed,  
9 that was represented to me by Special Agent Jack Dillon, as  
10 having been removed from Special Agent Enrique Camarena's  
11 body. And the item that it matched was a known standard or  
12 a soil taken from a specific location on the south side of  
13 a park referred to as La Primavera, which is just outside  
14 of Guadalajara, Mexico.

15 Q Now, I believe you now have some additional exhibits  
16 in front of you?

17 A Yes, I do.

18 Q What are those?

19 A Exhibit 28 is a soil sample, a pillbox, that contains  
20 a soil sample that was represented to me by Jack Dillon as  
21 the soil removed from the right knee of a body that was  
22 identified as Enrique Camarena.

23 29 is a soil sample removed from shorts or  
24 underwear that was associated with Body Number 1 or the  
25 body of Enrique Camarena.

1 Q When you say the soil matched soil from another  
2 location in Primavera Park, what do you mean by that? How  
3 did you come to that conclusion?

4 A The conclusion was arrived at by the examination of  
5 the soil for its component parts, the color of the soil,  
6 the texture of the soil, the type of soil, and the  
7 composition. Each of those factors relate one to the  
8 other. And in the composition, you not only identify the  
9 specific components in the soil, but the relationship and  
10 their proportions, one to each other, and to the soil  
11 itself.

12 This is done through the identification of all of  
13 the specific minerals or small particles of rock matter  
14 that make up the soil which are the direct components of  
15 the soil and rock that is outcropping around a location as  
16 they wash into it.

17 And a comparison is done through these components  
18 to determine if they are the same. If you can find  
19 differences, you can conclude that they are not the same.

20 If they are the same at the end of your  
21 examination, the logical conclusion is that the soil  
22 originated from that source as represented by the known  
23 standard.

24 Q Did you have occasion to compare these soil samples,  
25 Exhibit 28 and 29, with soil obtained from the location

1 where the bodies were found?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q What was your conclusion?

4 A The soils where so different in their type, in their  
5 texture, and in their mineralogy. I could not only state  
6 that the soil did not come from the source of soil as it  
7 was represented, but did not even come from the same  
8 depositional environment. It was totally different soil.  
9 It came from some other location, not even closely  
10 resembling the source of those soils.

11 MR. CARLTON: May I have just a moment, Your  
12 Honor?

13 Nothing further, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: You may cross-examine the witness.

15 MR. MEDVENE: Just a question or two.

16 CROSS-EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. MEDVENE:

18 Q Were soil samples 28 and 29 the samples that where  
19 identified by Mr. Dillon as coming from Mr. Camarena's  
20 right knee and shorts, where those represented to you as  
21 coming from Primavera Park?

22 A No, sir. They were represented as coming from the --  
23 removed from the knee of Camarena and from his shorts, his  
24 underwear.

25 Q Where he was found in the Bravo Ranch area?



1 A No, sir. Maybe I haven't been clear. 28 and 29 were  
2 removed from the body. They were represented to me as  
3 adhering to the body itself when the body was recovered.

4 Q And to your knowledge, just so we are clear, the body  
5 was recovered in some area near something called Bravo  
6 Ranch?

7 A Yes. The Bravo Ranch was the area represented by  
8 38-B, which was the area I was just talking about, that was  
9 so grossly dissimilar. You could not only state that they  
10 did not come from these soils, but the whole depositional  
11 environment is different. They're totally different types  
12 of soils. Could not even have come from the area that this  
13 type of soil originates in.

14 Q Were you able to match 28 and 29, that soil, to soil  
15 from a particular location?

16 A Yes, I was.

17 Q Was that location Primavera Park?

18 A The location was a pit area on the south side of  
19 Primavera Park. I'm not exactly sure where the boundary is  
20 for the park. It's a very primitive area. It was  
21 certainly on the south side of the main mountain of  
22 Primavera Park just outside of Guadalajara.

23 Q Now, could you correctly characterize that area as a  
24 wilderness area?

25 A If you would characterize that part of Mexico as a

1 wilderness area, yes.

2 Q There are no houses around there of any kind?

3 A Could you define "around"? There were houses down the  
4 road, yes.

5 Q About how far away?

6 A Five miles, seven miles possibly, down the same road.

7 Q Nothing other than grass, trees, dirt, for that seven  
8 miles or so around where you found that particular soil  
9 sample?

10 A I really can't state that. We went in the road one  
11 direction. We passed houses, a village. In fact, a little  
12 area that I was led to believe was a resort that was within  
13 a few miles, possibly five miles, of the burial site. We  
14 stopped at that burial site. That road continued. I don't  
15 know if there was something further down the road or in  
16 either direction from that, because I didn't go any  
17 further.

18 Q The closest houses that you know of were five to seven  
19 miles away?

20 MR. CARLTON: Objection, asked and answered.  
21 Beyond the scope.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 BY MR. MEDVENE:

24 Q The only soil samples then that you were advised that  
25 were found on Agent Camarena were the soil sample that

1 matched this primitive area or wilderness area of Primavera  
2 Park, and the samples from the Bravo Ranch area; is that  
3 correct?

4 MR. CARLTON: Objection. Misstates the testimony,  
5 Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Restate your question.

7 BY MR. MEDVENE:

8 Q The soil samples that you analyzed, is it correct,  
9 came from two different locations, one from the Bravo Ranch  
10 area, and the other is the area of Primavera Park that you  
11 have told us about?

12 A I'm not sure exactly what you are asking. The soil  
13 standards that I have discussed represent two general  
14 areas: Primavera Park and this Bravo Ranch. They are not  
15 the only soil standards that I examined in the case.  
16 They're actually a few hundred that there were examined.

17 I did draw a conclusion that the two soil samples  
18 off of Camarena were examined and compared to a specific  
19 location on the south side of Primavera Park. That was the  
20 identification, they matched.

21 They certainly did not match Bravo Ranch. They're  
22 grossly dissimilar. There is no confusing it. But I also  
23 examined hundreds of other soil samples around the  
24 Primavera Park, around Guadalajara, the north side of the  
25 park, the south side of the park, in town, out of town,

1 trying to localize the area that Camarena's body had been  
2 buried.

3 Q And was it your conclusion that his body had been  
4 buried or placed in two separate locations, one at  
5 Primavera Park around the area that you described, and the  
6 other in the Bravo Ranch area?

7 A Yes, with qualifications. That conclusion was not  
8 reached just from the forensic mineralogy aspect. The  
9 forensic mineralogy aspect was borne up by the  
10 identification of the soil at Primavera Park.

11 I had knowledge imparted to me by other FBI agents  
12 that he had been found in Bravo Ranch, but there was  
13 nothing to indicate, other than his physical presence, that  
14 he had been buried down there. He was found on top of the  
15 ground, so I know he was there. There is no evidence tying  
16 him there from the soils.

17 Q So in summary then, from what you --

18 THE COURT: We don't need to summarize, Counsel.  
19 The witness' answer is clear. If you have another  
20 question, you may ask it.

21 MR. MEDVENE: Thank you very much.

22 CROSS-EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. RUBIN:

24 Q Agent Rawalt, first I'd like to clarify the dates of  
25 your searches of 881 Lope de Vega.

1           The first time you searched it was on April 12th  
2 of 1985; is that correct?

3       A     Yes.

4       Q     And then the next day you went back again, so you  
5 searched on April 13th of 1985?

6       A     That is correct.

7       Q     And then the third time you searched it was on June  
8 24th, 1985?

9       A     The actual search was on the 25th. I went to  
10 Guadalajara on the 24th, but the search commenced on the  
11 25th.

12       Q     Those are the only searches that you did of that  
13 location, those three dates?

14       A     I'm trying to remember if the second time we went back  
15 the next morning to pick anything up.

16           There was a search conducted on the 26th also of  
17 June.

18       Q     Okay.

19       A     Of 1985.

20       Q     Now, the syringe, could you look at Government's  
21 Exhibit 57?

22       A     Yes, sir.

23       Q     And that's a syringe?

24       A     It's a syringe contained in a syringe container.

25       Q     Okay.

1 A As well as some miscellaneous paper items.

2 Q Now, that was found in the bathroom of the guest  
3 house; is that correct?

4 A As I identified the building as the guest house, yes.

5 Q That residence has a guest house and a separate  
6 residence, larger main house?

7 A Among other structures, yes.

8 Q Okay. And those are completely detached units, the  
9 guest house and the residence; is that correct?

10 A That is correct.

11 Q Now, during your searches, you also found another  
12 syringe, did you not?

13 A I did.

14 Q That was out by the tennis court?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And as part of your search, did you pack up that  
17 syringe and send it off to the laboratory?

18 A I did.

19 Q Now looking at Exhibit 45, the vacuum sweepings you  
20 identified.

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q You indicated that that was found in the back bedroom  
23 of the residence at 881 Lope de Vega?

24 A That is correct. The residence that is farthest from  
25 the front door, farthest from Lope de Vega Street.

1 Q So now when you use the term "residence," you mean the  
2 main house?

3 A That is correct.

4 Q So Exhibit 45 was found in the main house and 57 was  
5 found in a separate guest house bathroom?

6 A That is correct.

7 Q Now during which search did that pool cleaning  
8 incident occur?

9 A That was the initial search in April of 1985. That  
10 would have been on the 12th.

11 Q Was it your conclusion on the basis of that incident  
12 and what you were witnessing, that the Mexican Police and  
13 authorities were trying to mislead you or keep evidence  
14 from you?

15 A It was my conclusion, yes.

16 Q What was the day that you found the syringe in the  
17 guest house? During which search?

18 A That would have been April 12, 1985, the first night  
19 that we got there.

20 Q And that syringe, was it opened and exposed in the  
21 guest bathroom on the floor?

22 A Yes. There is a photograph of where it was laying at  
23 the time that I found it.

24 Q It wasn't difficult to find, was it? It was right  
25 there as you walked in, you saw it?

1 A It was laying against the wall. Adjacent to the wall.

2 Q Easy to see, though?

3 A Yes.

4 Q The license plate that you eventually obtained, what  
5 was the number of the license plate?

6 A May I read it from the photograph? I don't have a  
7 specific recollection of it.

8 Q Would that help you refresh your memory?

9 A It would. The license plate bore the Jalisco, Mexico,  
10 letters, 1984-1985, with the specific identifier of J as in  
11 John, E as in Edward, M as in Mary, 786. JEM786.

12 Q Now, was it the April 12th or April 13th that you  
13 searched the residence?

14 A Both.

15 Q During that period of time, do you recall seeing any  
16 plastic bags in any of the rooms?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Where was that?

19 A In one of the bedrooms of the main house, on a shelf.

20 Q That was in the main house on a shelf?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And at that time on April 13th, did you also do a  
23 search of a vehicle?

24 A Yes, I assisted in the search of the vehicle.

25 Q Okay. How many vehicles did you search?



1 A On that occasion, one.

2 Q On other occasions?

3 A On the second trip, the June trip, I was -- I assisted  
4 in the removal of several items from a vehicle that had  
5 been located at another place in Guadalajara, unrelated to  
6 this vehicle at 881 Lope de Vega.

7 Q At 881 Lope de Vega you only searched one vehicle?

8 A That is correct.

9 MR. RUBIN: No further questions. Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Any redirect?

11 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I would move the  
12 admission of Exhibits 47-A, B, 44 and 45.

13 THE COURT: They may be admitted.

14 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 44, 45, 47-A, 47-B received.)

15 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. CARLTON:

17 Q Agent Rawalt, did the soil samples obtained from Agent  
18 Camarena's body match any of the other hundreds of samples  
19 that you had available to you?

20 A They did not.

21 MR. CARLTON: Nothing further.

22 THE COURT: You may step down.

23 MR. MEDVENE: If the Court please, may I ask one  
24 question?

25 THE COURT: All right.

1 RE CROSS-EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. MEDVENE:

3 Q Did you check out who the license plate numbers  
4 belonged to?

5 A No, I did not. I didn't have that type of contact.

6 Q Fair to say, sir, that nothing from the forensic  
7 evidence that you found, whether the sweepings, whatever,  
8 tied to Ruben Zuno?

9 MR. CARLTON: Objection. Lack of foundation.  
10 Speculation.

11 THE COURT: The objection is sustained. It's not  
12 for the witness to characterize the effect of the evidence.

13 You may step down.

14 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: We'll take our afternoon recess.

16 THE CLERK: Please rise. This Court is now in  
17 recess.

18 (Recess taken.)

19 THE COURT: Call the next witness.

20 MR. CARLTON: The government calls Michael Malone.

21 THE COURT: Swear the witness.

22 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

23 MICHAEL MALONE, PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS, SWORN

24 THE WITNESS: I do.

25 THE CLERK: Please be seated.

1 State your full name for the record and spell your  
2 last name.

3 THE WITNESS: It's Michael P. Malone. That's  
4 M-A-L-O-N-E.

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. CARLTON:

7 Q Mr. Malone, what is your present employment?

8 A I'm a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of  
9 Investigation.

10 Q What is your present assignment?

11 A I'm the Senior Examiner of the Hairs and Fibers unit  
12 of the F.B.I. Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

13 Q How long have you been employed at the F.B.I.  
14 Laboratory?

15 A Eighteen years.

16 Q How long have you been employed with the F.B.I.?

17 A Twenty-two years.

18 Q What positions have you held in the F.B.I.?

19 A For the first four years I was a street agent in the  
20 Cincinnati and New York Field Offices of the F.B.I. Since  
21 1974 I've been an Examiner in the Hairs and Fibers Unit at  
22 the lab.

23 Q What education have you had relative to the forensic  
24 comparison of hairs and fibers and related materials?

25 A I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from

1 Talson State University in Baltimore, Maryland. A Master  
2 of Science Degree in Biology from James Madison University  
3 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. And my first full year at the  
4 lab was training under the direct supervision of older  
5 experienced examiners, until they deemed me competent to  
6 handle cases on my own.

7 Q When did you become qualified as a hair and fiber  
8 examiner with the F.B.I.?

9 A In the fall of 1975.

10 Q And since 1975, how many cases have you worked on in  
11 this capacity?

12 A Probably around 4500.

13 Q Now, you've mentioned hair and fibers and the term  
14 "related materials" has come up. What does that mean in  
15 the course of your work?

16 A The hair and fiber unit is -- well, we also work on  
17 trace evidence. We also work on materials that are related  
18 to fibers, such as fabrics, which are composed of fibers;  
19 ropes, which are composed of fibers; and even things like  
20 adhesive tapes, which the underlying base are also composed  
21 of fibers.

22 Q Have you ever published anything in this field?

23 A Yes. I have several articles published in the Law  
24 Enforcement Bulletin on this case, and other major serial  
25 murder cases that I have handled in the past.

1 I was selected by the National Institute of  
2 Justice in 1985 to attend their conference when they were  
3 putting together a manual on how to investigate a serial  
4 murder crime. I was their forensic consultant, and this  
5 manual was eventually distributed to virtually every law  
6 enforcement agency in the United States.

7 My articles or portions of my articles are  
8 currently being used in a standard textbook of Forensic  
9 Science called CRIMINALISTICS, AN INTRODUCTION TO  
10 FORENSIC SCIENCE.

11 Q Have you ever qualified to testify as an expert in  
12 court in the area of comparison of hairs, fibers and  
13 related materials?

14 A To date, I've testified over 450 times in 45 states,  
15 the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the  
16 Island of Sipan.

17 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, at this time --

18 THE COURT: It's not necessary.

19 MR. CARLTON: All right.

20 BY MR. CARLTON:

21 Q Agent Malone, at some point did you participate in the  
22 investigation into the kidnapping of Agent Enrique  
23 Camarena?

24 A Yes, since March of '85.

25 Q And in the course of that investigation, did you

1 travel to Guadalajara?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q When was the first time that you traveled to  
4 Guadalajara in this investigation?

5 A My first trip to Guadalajara was in April of '85.

6 Q What was the purpose of that trip?

7 A I was told that I would be processing a residence that  
8 may have been used in the interrogation and torture of  
9 Special Agent Camarena.

10 Q What was that residence?

11 A It was a residence located at 881 Lope de Vega in the  
12 City of Guadalajara.

13 Q When did you arrive in Guadalajara?

14 A The afternoon of February 12, '85.

15 Q Was that February or April?

16 A I'm sorry. April 12th, 1985.

17 Q And when you arrived, did you go to this location, 881  
18 Lope de Vega?

19 A I briefly went by the D.E.A. Consulate to be briefed,  
20 a very short briefing, and then after a short period of  
21 time, I was allowed in 881 Lope de Vega.

22 Q Did anyone accompany you?

23 A Yes. Special Agent Rawalt, a technician Collins, Carl  
24 Collins, a fingerprint specialist, Al Rose, and agents of  
25 the D.E.A.

1 Q And what was your purpose in going there?

2 A To process this residence for any evidence that might  
3 show that it may have been used to once torture or house  
4 Special Agent Camarena.

5 Q What was the first thing you did when you got there?

6 A The first thing I did, and it was just basically to  
7 look around. In other words, I walked around the entire  
8 grounds and through the residence, and what I was doing was  
9 very simple. I was just saying: Well, if I was going to  
10 hold a prisoner, where would I do it? And we surveyed the  
11 entire grounds, and I came up with what I called the  
12 primary site and then a secondary site.

13 Q Now looking at the two charts here that are at the  
14 other end of the counsel table, do you recognize this chart  
15 here, as you look at it on the left, and I believe that's  
16 marked as Exhibit 81?

17 A Yes, I had it prepared.

18 Q What is that?

19 A This is a chart showing the grounds, the entire  
20 grounds and main residence of 881 Lope de Vega

21 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, Agent Malone has a laser  
22 pointer. Can he use that to assist him?

23 THE COURT: Yes, he may.

24 MR. CARLTON: Thank you.

25 BY MR. CARLTON:

1 Q And looking at the other chart, which is adjacent, I  
2 believe this is Exhibit 82, do you recognize that?

3 A Yes, I had it prepared.

4 Q And what is it?

5 A The smaller of the two charts shows just the main  
6 residence at 881 Lope de Vega, the way the first floor is  
7 laid out, the way the bedrooms are laid out, and the little  
8 tiny chart in the upper-left corner is the top floor of the  
9 residence.

10 Q Using the laser pointer, can you please describe for  
11 the ladies and gentlemen of the jury the various areas of  
12 the grounds of Lope de Vega?

13 MR. RUBIN: Your Honor, may I walk around.

14 THE COURT: I think you will see better from there  
15 when he uses the laser. If you just wait for a minute.

16 Can't see the chart?

17 MR. RUBIN: No.

18 THE COURT: Turn it a little, please.

19 MR. RUBIN: That's better.

20 THE COURT: All right. You can see then?

21 MR. RUBIN: Yes. Turn it a little bit more.

22 THE COURT: Go ahead, please.

23 THE WITNESS: The grounds at 881 Lope de Vega is a  
24 complex of a main house, an out building, basically two  
25 courtyards, and a rear area containing a tennis court.



1           The main house has bedrooms running along the  
2 side, has the kitchen in the front, has a carport here.

3           Directly behind the main house to the rear is a  
4 small out building that we labeled as the guest house.  
5 Within the guest house is small enclosed rooms, and then  
6 two larger storage rooms.

7           Again, to the rear of the main house is the  
8 swimming pool and a patio area, and then a second covered  
9 patio. There is a walled archway separating the two  
10 courtyards. The rear grounds contain a carport right here,  
11 an aviary that was supposed to hold birds, but there were  
12 none when we were there. And to the very rear of the  
13 building is a tennis court here with a separate bathhouse  
14 and spa.

15           And then around the entire area, right here, is a  
16 wall.

17 BY MR. CARLTON:

18 Q     In the course of your work at this location, did you  
19 also walk through the residence, the main residence itself?

20 A     Yes, I did.

21 Q     Did you become familiar with that?

22 A     Yes, I did.

23 Q     Using the pointer again, can you please describe for  
24 the ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the various areas of  
25 the main residence.

1 A On the main residence there is four bedrooms down,  
2 four bedrooms down, two bedrooms up. All the bedrooms go  
3 along the side of the residence. They were numbered as  
4 they start from the front door, Bedrooms 1, 2, 3, 4, being  
5 four at the rear.

6 Directly opposite Bedroom 4 was a den. There was  
7 a formal dining room right at this location. A small  
8 living room here. A hall which connected the den to the  
9 rest of the house.

10 At the very front of the residence was a kitchen,  
11 a very large kitchen. To the left -- it shows on the left  
12 chart better as a storage area with a carport that has a  
13 gate in front.

14 The second story is basically two bedrooms here.  
15 This bedroom you have to go up the stairs. This is Bedroom  
16 Number 6. It's a bedroom, a bath, and a small landing.  
17 The second bedroom cannot be accessed from the first  
18 bedroom. In other words, it's a solid wall between them.  
19 To get to the second bedroom you have to go through a  
20 separate set of stairs. Up here there is Bedroom Number 5  
21 which leads to an outdoor patio.

22 Q Now, looking at this chart, Number 82, the diagram of  
23 the residence, is it correct then that the front door is at  
24 the bottom of the chart?

25 A Yes. The front door would be in this location right

1 here (indicating).

2 Q I believe in the cart next to you are some photographs  
3 labeled Exhibits 13-A through H. Would you please look at  
4 those. And do you recognize those?

5 A Yes, I do.

6 Q What are they?

7 A These are various photographs of Lope de Vega, 881  
8 Lope de Vega.

9 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, may Agent Malone show  
10 the first photograph to the jury?

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 THE WITNESS: Government's Exhibit 13-A is a front  
13 view of the residence at 881 Lope de Vega. Of course, here  
14 is the top bedroom, the top story. To the left is the  
15 carport. Here would be the front door of the residence.  
16 You're looking at a view straight on, straight on this way.

17 BY MR. CARLTON:

18 Q Now, you mentioned that in the course of your initial  
19 walk-through at this property, you identified a primary and  
20 a secondary location?

21 A Yes, we did.

22 Q And in your opinion, these were noteworthy for what  
23 reason?

24 A Of course, being a trained investigator, I spent about  
25 four years in the field, I was looking for a place, again,

1 that it would be logical to hold a prisoner. To my way of  
2 thinking you'd need an isolated place. You'd need a place  
3 with limited access that you could guard very easily.

4 The little out building to the rear fits those  
5 criteria completely. Again, it was isolated from the rest  
6 of the house, from the rest of the grounds.

7 This room right here, labeled the guest room, has  
8 very thick walls, which are completely enclosed. The only  
9 way in and out of the guest room is through the front.  
10 There is a single door here and a very small window up  
11 high. The door is a heavy steel door with bars on it.

12 Again, you could hold a prisoner in there very  
13 easily, and a lot of noise could go on within that room and  
14 it wouldn't be heard from -- in the rest of the compound.

15 The second area that I located was the top floor  
16 bedroom, labeled Bedroom Number 6. It was locked the first  
17 night that I got there, but the reason I'd like that,  
18 again, is it had limited access. The only way into that  
19 room was through this one door here. It had a landing.  
20 You could put a guard here. It would be very easy to  
21 guard, and there is no exit, outside exit, from this  
22 particular bedroom.

23 The one thing I did not like about it was that the  
24 one window in this room overlooks the front street, 881  
25 Lope de Vega, so that if there was any amount of noise in

1 that room it could be heard from the front street.

2 Q Now, if you would look again to the cart to your  
3 right, I believe there are some photographs marked 52-A  
4 through J.

5 Do you recognize those?

6 A Yes, I do.

7 Q What are those?

8 A Government's Exhibits 52-A through J are various shots  
9 of both the interior and the exterior of 881 Lope de Vega.

10 Q Would you please look specifically at 52-G and H.

11 A Yes.

12 Q What does 52-G depict?

13 A 52-G depicts the front of what is called the guest  
14 building, that's the out building to the rear of 881 Lope  
15 de Vega, showing basically the single door to the guest  
16 house, the one small window there, and the storage area  
17 just to the right of the guest room.

18 Q Actually, if you would look now at 52-I and 52-J.

19 What does 52-I depict?

20 A 52-I shows the carport to the rear of the compound.  
21 It's not on the diagram, but it would be located right  
22 there where the pointer is. It's a covered carport. When  
23 I arrived, a small light colored Volkswagon Atlantic was  
24 parked in the carport.

25 Q And 52-J?

1 A 52-J is just a closer shot of the Volkswagon Atlantic  
2 that was parked in the carport.

3 MR. CARLTON: All right. Your Honor, I would move  
4 the admission of 13-A through H and 52-A through J.

5 THE COURT: They may be admitted.

6 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 13-A through H  
7 and 52-A through J received.)

8 BY MR. CARLTON:

9 Q Agent Malone, what did you do next after you completed  
10 the grounds and the house at this location?

11 A All my equipment was unloaded, and then basically I  
12 started planning my crime scene search, how I was going to  
13 proceed over the next couple of days. Which area I was  
14 going to do first, which area I was going to do last. I  
15 decided at that point that I would do the guest room first  
16 and then proceed later on to the main residence.

17 Q What equipment did you bring with you?

18 A I had what is called a search vacuum. It's a vacuum  
19 cleaner especially designed to collect trace evidence, and  
20 it's a very powerful hand vacuum with a canister between  
21 the nozzle and the vacuum. The canister has a filter so  
22 anything collected into the vacuum is trapped in the  
23 canister, and then the canister can be readily emptied and  
24 a new filter can be put in. I also had a standard crime  
25 scene kit containing packaging materials, labeling

1 materials, scalpels, knives, flashlights, whatever I might  
2 need to process a residence for trace evidence.

3 Q So what was the first area you processed?

4 A The very first area I processed was the guest room.  
5 When I went in, what I did first was to remove all the  
6 loose items from the guest house and the bathroom to the  
7 rear, packaged those, then had one large carpet inside, so  
8 large that I would not be able to vacuum it just one time,  
9 I had to divide it into quadrants. I estimated it would  
10 take about four quadrants or four separate vacuumings to  
11 cover the entire rug.

12 Q What did the interior of this guest house look like?

13 A The interior of the guest house was totally empty. In  
14 other words, there was no furniture in there at all. It  
15 had one single beige-colored carpet on the floor of the  
16 guest room, which was very worn. It was in stark contrast  
17 to the walls on the interior of the guest room here, which  
18 looked like they had been freshly painted.

19 The bathroom to the rear was a little unusual,  
20 too, in that most of the bathroom was dirty, except for the  
21 walls of the shower, which had been cleaned immaculately up  
22 to a height of about, oh, six, six-and-a-half feet.

23 Q Did you see a syringe of some sort in this bathroom?

24 A Yes, I did. I saw a syringe on the floor of the  
25 bathroom next to one of the walls.

1 Q Now, after you divided this room into quadrants, as  
2 you described, what did you do next?

3 A Vacuumed each quadrant and labeled each of these  
4 vacuumings separately.

5 Q Well, when you finish vacuuming a quadrant, what would  
6 you do in order to preserve what you had vacuumed up?

7 A What you do is, once I had, let's say the first  
8 quadrant vacuumed, I would empty the canister, along with  
9 the filter, into a ziplock bag, and then seal that bag, and  
10 of course date and initial it.

11 Q I believe you should find somewhere nearby Exhibits  
12 53, 54 and 55.

13 MR. CARLTON: May I have a moment, Your Honor?

14 BY MR. CARLTON:

15 Q Looking at 53, what is that?

16 A Government's Exhibit 53 is a small ziplock plastic bag  
17 which contains the vacuum filter and vacuumings from the  
18 first quadrant, Quadrant A.

19 Q 54, can you describe that?

20 A Government's 54 is a second small ziplock bag,  
21 containing again vacuum sweepings and filter from the  
22 second quadrant, Quadrant B.

23 Q And 55?

24 A Government's Exhibit 55 is a third ziplock bag  
25 containing the vacuum sweepings from the third quadrant,



1     Quadrant 52-C.

2     Q     Did you later have occasion to examine these vacuum  
3     sweepings for items of evidentiary value?

4     A     Yes, I did.

5     Q     Did you find anything in these exhibits?

6     A     Yes, I did.

7     Q     Find any hairs?

8     A     Yes, in all three.

9     Q     Now, did you continue after finishing your vacuuming  
10    of these quadrants, did you continue your search of the  
11    guest house and the adjoining bathroom?

12    A     Yes. As I said earlier, I packaged all of the loose  
13    items in the bathroom and labeled them.

14    Q     After sweeping the guest house and packaging the loose  
15    items in the bathroom, what did you do next?

16    A     I then -- we proceeded up to the -- I proceeded up to  
17    the upper bedroom. I was going to process that at this  
18    time, but I couldn't because the door was locked. And I  
19    was a little cautious about opening that front door when it  
20    was locked. I didn't know if it was going to be booby  
21    trapped or anything else. So I decided to postpone the  
22    processing of the upper bedroom, Bedroom Number 6, but I  
23    went back and collected carpet samples that Friday night  
24    from every rug in the residence.

25    Q     When you say "carpet samples," did you just snip out

1 pieces?

2 A Basically, yes. I just took a carpet and cut out a  
3 square of carpeting, just a few inches in area.

4 Q Now, would you please look at what has been marked as  
5 Exhibits 56 through 65 -- 56, I should say, and then 59  
6 through 65.

7 Do you have 56 in front of you?

8 A Yes, I do.

9 Q Do you recognize that?

10 A Yes, I do.

11 Q What is it?

12 A Government's Exhibit 56 is a ziplock bag. Inside is a  
13 square of carpet from the guest house rug.

14 Q All right. And Exhibit 59, do you recognize that?

15 A 59?

16 Q Yes, 59.

17 A Exhibit 59 is a small ziplock bag containing a square  
18 of carpet from Bedroom Number 1, the front bedroom.

19 Q Exhibit 60?

20 A Exhibit 60 is a small ziplock bag containing a square  
21 of carpet from the hallway of the main level.

22 Q And Exhibit 61?

23 A Exhibit 61 is a small ziplock bag containing a square  
24 of carpet from the dining room-living room area.

25 Q If you could just continue through Exhibit 65.

1 A Government's Exhibit 62 is a small square of carpet  
2 from the second bedroom on the right side, Bedroom Number  
3 2.

4 Government's Exhibit 63 is a ziplock bag  
5 containing a square of carpet, dark rose in color, from the  
6 third bedroom, Bedroom Number 3.

7 Government's Exhibit 64 is a small pale rose  
8 colored square of carpet from the last bedroom, Bedroom  
9 Number 4.

10 Government's Exhibit 65 is a small square of  
11 carpet from the rear den.

12 Q What did you notice about these carpets as you were  
13 obtaining the sample?

14 A One of two things. First of all, Bedrooms 1 and 2 had  
15 the same color, a very light beige. Three had the dark  
16 rose. Four had the light rose.

17 But the second thing I immediately noticed about  
18 the rug was that they were brand new carpets.

19 Q How could you tell that?

20 A When you construct a carpet, basically what you are  
21 doing is running the yarns, each one of the separate yarns  
22 through the back and out through the backing, and then  
23 eventually what you're going to do is you're going to shear  
24 off the top loops of all of the carpeting to give you the  
25 shear carpet.

1 Well, when you do that, you are going to have  
2 literally millions of loose fibers on the carpeting, and  
3 they usually come together in little tufts or little  
4 bunches. It will be loaded with them. It's typical of  
5 brand new carpeting, and there are so many of them that  
6 normally the first couple of times you vacuum it will fill  
7 your vacuum bag up immediately and you have to dump it. So  
8 it's a characteristic consistent with brand new carpeting.

9 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I move the admission of  
10 Exhibits 53 through 65.

11 THE COURT: They may be admitted.

12 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 53 through 65 received.)

13 BY MR. CARLTON:

14 Q After you collected these carpet samples, what did you  
15 do next in relation to this investigation?

16 A It was getting late in the evening about this time, so  
17 we decided to knock off.

18 Q And what did you do with these items that you had  
19 collected?

20 A They were taken by me back to the D.E.A. office in the  
21 U.S. Consulate and put into the safe.

22 Q Did you return to the Lope de Vega residence again?

23 A Yes, early the next morning.

24 Q Who were you accompanied by?

25 A Again, this was a Saturday morning, I was accompanied

1 by Special Agent Rawalt, Technician Collins, Technician  
2 Rose, Frank Fiatta, our F.B.I. Legal Attache was there also  
3 at this time, as were several D.E.A. agents.

4 Q What was the first thing you did when you arrived  
5 back?

6 A The first thing we did, or the first thing I did, was  
7 I wanted to finish the processing of the upstairs bedroom,  
8 that's Bedroom Number 6. By the time I got to the  
9 residence, the squad of Federalis that were housed in  
10 the -- in the residence there had gotten the door to the  
11 bedroom open so that we were able to process it.

12 As I entered the upstairs bedroom, I saw a single  
13 rug, a single bed on the rug, with bed clothing, and a  
14 pillow, and I also saw two entire walls covered with gun  
15 racks.

16 Q Did you seize any items of evidentiary value from this  
17 location?

18 A Yes. The first thing I did was to seize all of the  
19 bed clothing from the bed and from the pillow case and  
20 package this.

21 Q Now, if you would look at what has been marked as  
22 Exhibits 66 and 67. 67 may be in that stack of photographs  
23 that are just in front of you. Agent Malone, in front of  
24 you.

25 A I'm sorry.

1 Q The stack of photographs on the counter.

2 If not, let's just proceed with 66. What is  
3 Exhibit 66?

4 A Government's Exhibit 66 is the pillow case from the  
5 single bed from Bedroom Number 6, the upstairs bedroom.  
6 It's basically a light blue pillow case with white polka  
7 dots and a floral design of leaves and purple flowers.

8 Q Now, after seizing this pillow case, what did you do  
9 next in relation to your examination of this room?

10 A I broke the rug from the upstairs bedroom into two  
11 quadrants. It was not nearly as big as the rug in the  
12 guest room, so I could cover it with two vacuumings,  
13 quadrants one and two, and proceeded to vacuum each  
14 separately.

15 Q At some point on this date, did you examine the  
16 Volkswagon automobile again?

17 A Yes. After I had finished with Bedroom Number 6, my  
18 next area of interest was the Volkswagon Atlantic parked  
19 underneath the carport.

20 Q What was it that you did with that automobile first?

21 A Well, the first thing I had to do, it was parked  
22 underneath the carport, located right here (indicating).  
23 It was pretty dark. Also, it was not near any source of  
24 electricity. We had rigged some electrical lines earlier.

25 So myself and several of the other agents

1 physically pushed the Volkswagon Atlantic from here to  
2 about this area right here (indicating), where, first of  
3 all, it was in the bright sunlight and we could see.  
4 Second of all, it was close enough that I could hook up my  
5 vacuum to the electrical line that we had rigged up.

6 Q Now, I believe in the book of exhibits should be  
7 Exhibits 68-A and B. Perhaps those are on the cart.

8 A Yes.

9 Q Do you recognize those?

10 A Yes, I do.

11 Q What are they?

12 A Government's Exhibit 68-A is the Volkswagon Atlantic,  
13 which by this time had been pushed into the front of the  
14 rear courtyard, and that's basically a photograph of myself  
15 processing the Atlantic for hairs and fibers.

16 Q And 68-B?

17 A 68-B is a closer shot of the Volkswagon Atlantic in  
18 the rear courtyard. By this time, I had finished my  
19 processing and this is a photograph of the two fingerprint  
20 technicians who are processing the Atlantic for  
21 fingerprints.

22 Q Now, what was it you did in relation to processing  
23 this automobile?

24 A When you do a residence, a car, or anything else, the  
25 hair and fiber trace evidence work always has to be done

1 first. The reason being you want to keep the contamination  
2 down as low as possible. So what I did was I went in,  
3 opened all the doors of the car, opened the trunk, opened  
4 the hood. The first thing I did was remove all the loose  
5 items from the interior of the car, from the trunk,  
6 packaged these separately so that later on they could be  
7 processed for fingerprints.

8 What I did then was I broke the car into, again,  
9 five different areas that I was going to look at. The  
10 front floor, front seat, rear floor, rear seat, and trunk  
11 area, and proceeded to vacuum each of these areas  
12 separately and, of course, put the vacuum sweepings in  
13 ziplock bags and seal them.

14 Q Would you please look at what has been marked as  
15 Exhibits 69 and 70.

16 Do you recognize those?

17 A Yes, I do.

18 Q What are they? What is 69?

19 A Government's Exhibit 69 is a small ziplock bag. This  
20 contains the filter and the vacuum sweepings from the front  
21 floor of the Volkswagon.

22 Q And 70?

23 A Government's Exhibit 70 is a second small ziplock bag.  
24 This contains the vacuum sweepings from the rear floor of  
25 the Volkswagon.



1 Q Now after completing your examination of the  
2 Volkswagon automobile, what did you do next in relation to  
3 your investigation?

4 A I had to turn the car over to the fingerprint  
5 specialist for them to finish. I kind of observed them for  
6 a while, and eventually it became late in the morning of  
7 the second day, so I decided to -- we decided to break for  
8 lunch.

9 Q Did this automobile have a license plate on it?

10 A No. One of the first things we noticed is both plates  
11 were gone, the front and back plates were gone, but there  
12 were two wires on the front bumper that looked like maybe  
13 the plate had been wired to the front.

14 Q At some point during this day, did you take all of the  
15 items of evidence that had been collected at this location  
16 away?

17 A About this time, I had four or five large clear  
18 plastic bags of evidence, which where all placed on the  
19 rear porch area here of Lope de Vega. Eventually yes, they  
20 would be taken away.

21 Q How was your examination of Lope de Vega on this date  
22 terminated?

23 A Again, it was around noon. We had broken for lunch,  
24 but for the first time since we had been there in almost a  
25 day and a half, we were by ourselves. And when I say "we,"

1 I'm talking about Special Agent Rawalt and myself.

2 Previous to this, we had always had a contingent  
3 of federalis kind of babysitting us. I mean, right on us,  
4 observing everything we were doing. But by the morning of  
5 the second day, you know, they got bored or whatever, but  
6 they weren't around us anymore. They kind of drifted away  
7 up to the main residence.

8 So Special Agent Rawalt and myself for the first  
9 time found us completely by ourselves. We had not done a  
10 real thorough ground search at this point because the  
11 previous night it had gotten dark so we thought it was a  
12 good chance for us to run around or walk around unimpeded  
13 and do a thorough ground search of 881 Lope de Vega.

14 Q Did you do that?

15 A Yes. We wandered all over the residence, looking  
16 behind bushes, in the aviary, wherever we thought we might  
17 find something, in the pool. Ended up to the very rear of  
18 the compound in the tennis court area, and began slowly  
19 walking around the tennis court.

20 Q Did you find something of interest and significance to  
21 you there?

22 A Yes, we did. It was a very sunny day, and as we would  
23 walk -- this tennis court had metal grates, drainage grates  
24 or drains on each side of the tennis court. Each drain had  
25 a heavy metal grate over the top of it, and as we went by

1 we would look into the grates, and as we were walking by  
2 one -- the grate on the left-hand -- upper left-hand side  
3 of the tennis court, we kind of noticed a flash of color of  
4 blue or gold.

5 Q What did you do next?

6 A What we did then was just go over and look straight  
7 down through the metal grate, into the bottom of the drain  
8 and observed what appeared to be a folded up license plate.

9 Q Did you go to obtain assistance from the Mexican  
10 Police to recover this license plate?

11 A Well, first we tried to get the grate out, and it was,  
12 of course, secured in the macadam, in the asphalt. So I  
13 said, "Well, maybe we are going to need something like a  
14 crow bar."

15 So Special Agent Rawalt stayed there with the  
16 plate and I wandered up to the main house here where all  
17 the Federalis were, and through one of the D.E.A. agents  
18 asked them for a crow bar.

19 Q What was the response?

20 A Well, first of all they wanted to know why I needed a  
21 crow bar. It kind of peaked their interest. They said,  
22 no, they don't have a crow bar. I left the main residence,  
23 went back to the tennis court, but by this time I had the  
24 entire squad of Federalis following me back out to the  
25 tennis court. I guess they were interested in why I was

1 going to need a crow bar.

2 Q At some point here, did you decide you'd better take  
3 the evidence back to the D.E.A. office?

4 A Well, at this particular point when I got back to the  
5 tennis place, Rawalt, Special Agent Rawalt, had found a  
6 heavy piece of wire, and by looping it under the grate, had  
7 managed to actually pull the iron grate out of the macadam,  
8 and was staring down into the bottom of the drain, and  
9 there, indeed, was a folded up license plate.

10 At this point, the Federalis also observed the  
11 license plate and became very, very agitated and upset.  
12 And the D.E.A. agent told us one of them was going to phone  
13 his boss. Said not to take the plate, and not to do any  
14 further searching.

15 Of course, by that time I had five, four or five  
16 bags of evidence up on the covered patio. I was kind of  
17 having nightmares about losing that evidence. So I kind of  
18 came up with a little plan.

19 Q Did you take the evidence back to the D.E.A. office at  
20 that point?

21 A Yes, I did. While the Federalis were around the  
22 license plate and Collins and Rawalt were processing it and  
23 photographing it, myself and another agent, D.E.A. agent,  
24 kind of snuck out from the tennis court up to the main  
25 porch behind the main residence.

1           The D.E.A. agent went and got the D.E.A. pickup  
2 truck, backed it into the carport area, at the same time I  
3 grabbed the four or five bags of evidence, threw them into  
4 the back of the pickup truck, and we sped away to the  
5 D.E.A. office in the U.S. Consulate where we secured all of  
6 the bags of evidence in the vault.

7       Q     Now, was this evidence eventually returned to the  
8 F.B.I. Laboratory in Washington, D.C.?

9       A     Yes, it was.

10      Q     Did you receive it there?

11      A     Yes, I did.

12      Q     Was it in the same condition as you left it in  
13 Guadalajara?

14      A     Absolutely.

15      Q     If you would, please, look at Exhibits 44 and 45.

16           Do you recognize those?

17      A     Yes, I do.

18      Q     What are they?

19      A     Exhibits 44 and 45 -- actually, it would be more  
20 logical to start with 45. Exhibit 45 is vacuum sweepings  
21 from the rear-most bedroom, Bedroom Number 4, which are  
22 secured in a ziplock plastic bag.

23           Government's Exhibit 44 contains all of the slides  
24 of the hairs that were removed from Government's Exhibit  
25 45.

1 Q Now, did you have occasion to examine the contents of  
2 Exhibit 45?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q Did you find in those contents hairs of evidentiary  
5 significance to this case?

6 A Yes, I did.

7 Q Would you please look at what has been marked as  
8 Exhibits 40 and 41.

9 Do you recognize those?

10 A Yes, I do.

11 Q Did you receive those at the FBI Laboratory?

12 A Yes, I did.

13 Q Did you collect hairs from them?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q Did you analyze those hairs relative to this  
16 investigation?

17 A Yes, I did.

18 Q All right. Now, at some point, did you return to  
19 Guadalajara in November of 1985?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q What was the purpose of this return trip?

22 A On the very first trip to Guadalajara back in April of  
23 '85, several items of evidence had been removed from 881  
24 Lope de Vega before we got to the residence.

25 Through a series of protracted negotiations, the

1 Mexican Government had agreed to turn over those items of  
2 evidence to us so that we could at least look at them or  
3 analyze them for trace evidence, and that was the purpose  
4 of my trip in November, to go down there and either try and  
5 take these items or at least process them.

6 Q And did you arrive on November 26?

7 A Yes, I did.

8 Q Where did you go when you arrived?

9 THE COURT: Counsel, let's just get him on to what  
10 he ultimately did there.

11 Did you go examine this evidence at some point in  
12 time, sir?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Will you tell us about that.

15 THE WITNESS: When I arrived at the Office of the  
16 Federal Prosecutor, I was basically given four items of  
17 evidence that had been seized previously by the Federalis.  
18 I was given a small sample of a burial sheet.

19 BY MR. CARLTON:

20 Q Well, why don't we look at some exhibits before we go  
21 any farther. Exhibits 71 through 75.

22 What is Exhibit 71?

23 A Government's Exhibit 71 is a ziplock bag containing a  
24 small sample, a very soiled sample of the Camarena burial  
25 sheet.

1 Q Did you recognize the pattern on that burial sheet?

2 A Yes, I did. It was -- I had recognized it from the  
3 pillow case that I had seized previously. It was exactly  
4 the same pattern and design as the previous pillow case.  
5 The only difference was there was a slight difference in  
6 color.

7 Q Was the odor and the texture of that piece of evidence  
8 significant to you?

9 A Yes. The odor and the texture were significant of  
10 decomposing body fluids. I've smelled it hundreds of  
11 times. Nothing like it. And it was just absolutely soaked  
12 in it.

13 Q Okay. Exhibit 72, do you recognize that?

14 A Yes. Government's Exhibit 72 is a small ziplock bag.  
15 This contains the debris from the burial sheet, Exhibit 71.

16 Q And Exhibit 73?

17 A Government's Exhibit 73 is a small piece of a pillow  
18 case that was represented as coming out of Bedroom Number 3  
19 of 881 Lope de Vega.

20 Q Again, is the pattern on that piece of fabric familiar  
21 to you?

22 A The pattern on Government's Exhibit 73, the pillow  
23 case from Bedroom 3, is exactly the same as the pillow case  
24 I removed from Bedroom 6, as well as the design and the  
25 color.



1 Q And Exhibit 74?

2 A Government's Exhibit 74 is a small piece of a rope  
3 that I was given that was represented to come out of the  
4 covered patio of 881 Lope de Vega.

5 Q Did that rope have the same odor and texture as did  
6 the piece of the sheet?

7 A Yes. Again, it was heavily stained and it had the  
8 same texture and odor of decomposing body fluids.

9 Q How about Exhibit 75?

10 A Government's Exhibit 75 -- oh, I'm sorry --  
11 Government's Exhibit 74 was represented as coming from  
12 Special Agent Camarena. This was the soiled rope.

13 The second rope I was given, Government's Exhibit  
14 75, is the rope represented as coming from Bedroom 3. This  
15 was completely clean and wiped.

16 Q Did you take custody of all of these items of  
17 evidence?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q Did you return them to the FBI Laboratory in  
20 Washington, D.C.?

21 A Yes, I did.

22 Q At some point, did you have occasion to meet with an  
23 individual named Rene Verdugo?

24 A Yes, I did.

25 Q Do you recall when that was?

1 A Yes. I met Mr. Verdugo on January 31st, 1986.

2 Q Where was that?

3 A It was in the cell in the Marshal's Office in the U.S.  
4 District Court in Washington, D.C.

5 Q What was your purpose in meeting with him then?

6 A My purpose was to take head and pubic samples from Mr.  
7 Verdugo.

8 Q Would you please look at what has been marked as  
9 Exhibit 76.

10 Do you recognize that?

11 A Yes. Government's Exhibit 76 is the ziplock bag  
12 containing the portion of the head hair sample of Mr.  
13 Verdugo that I did not mount on slides.

14 Q Now, at some point, did you receive some items  
15 connected with this investigation through the F.B.I. mail?

16 A Yes, I did.

17 Q Would you please look at Exhibits 42-A through G.

18 A Yes.

19 Q Looking at 42-A, what is that?

20 A Government's Exhibit 42-A is the F.B.I. mailing  
21 envelope which initially contained the evidence.

22 Q I should say: Are all of these exhibits the items  
23 that you received in the mail?

24 A Yes, they are.

25 Q Okay. 42-B?

1 A 42-B is the D.E.A. envelope which was found inside  
2 42-A.

3 Q 42-C?

4 A 42-C is a portion of the blindfold adhesive that was  
5 inside of 42-A and B.

6 Q And 42-D?

7 A 42-D is a sample of some of the literally hundreds of  
8 dark head hairs that I removed from the blindfold.

9 Q 42-E?

10 A 42-E is a piece of cordage, heavily stained, and with  
11 an odor that was in with the blindfold.

12 Q 42-F?

13 A 42-F is the remaining portion of the adhesive tape  
14 blindfold.

15 Q And did that blindfold also have the same  
16 characteristic odor and texture?

17 A Yes. Very heavily stained, very strong odor.

18 Q 42-G?

19 A 42-G is a shopping -- plastic shopping bag that all of  
20 the blindfold and rope had initially been in.

21 Q Would you please look at what has been marked as  
22 Exhibits 160 and 161.

23 Do you recognize those?

24 At some point during your investigation, Agent  
25 Malone, did you receive through the F.B.I. mail head hairs

1 represented to be the head hairs of Serjio Espino-Verdin?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q And did you later analyze those hairs in relation to  
4 this investigation?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q Do you have Exhibits 50-A through H?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q Do you recognize those?

9 A Yes, I do.

10 Q What are they?

11 A Government's Exhibits 50-A through H is -- consists of  
12 five heat sealed plastic bags -- let's see, one, two,  
13 three, four, five, six, seven heat sealed plastic bags  
14 which originally contained head hair samples from Mr.  
15 Matta-Ballesteros.

16 Q Now, with the exception of the head hairs of Mr.  
17 Espino-Verdin, was all of this evidence that you've just  
18 described, consist of all of the evidentiary items falling  
19 within the category of hair, fibers and related materials  
20 that are of significance to this case?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now, can you describe for the ladies and gentlemen of  
23 the jury what it is you do with the hair once you have  
24 located it and want to examine it and compare it in an  
25 investigation?

1 A What you're having to do with a hair is very, very  
2 simple. It's the same thing you are trying to do with any  
3 kind of Forensic Science. You're taking an unknown  
4 commodity, comparing it against the known commodity, and  
5 you're trying to do one of two things. Say either this  
6 unknown is different from the known. The unknown did not  
7 come from the known. Or the second thing is, this unknown  
8 commodity is the same as or matches or has the same  
9 characteristics as the known, and therefore, this unknown  
10 is consistent with coming from the known.

11 The way you do that with hairs, with the state of  
12 the art the way it is today, is a three-part microscopic  
13 examination of those hairs.

14 Q Now, what is it that you look for when you are  
15 comparing one hair to another?

16 A What you are looking for are individual microscopic  
17 characteristics within the hair which are going to tell you  
18 certain things about that hair.

19 Q Now, you prepared a chart that describes these  
20 characteristics or illustrates them?

21 A Yes, I have.

22 Q Is that chart on the easel just next to you?

23 A Yes, it is.

24 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, may Mr. Malone step over  
25 there and point to the chart as he describes the

1 characteristics of the hair?

2 THE COURT: Yes.

3 BY MR. CARLTON:

4 Q I believe that chart has been marked as Exhibit 78.

5 A That is correct, yes.

6 I will try to give you the abbreviated version of  
7 the -- what I do. Okay. What I'm doing is comparing an  
8 unknown to a known, and I do it with three different  
9 microscopes.

10 What I'm going to do is, I'm going to put the  
11 entire hair on a low power stereoscope, look at the three  
12 regions, the root, the shaft, and the tip, and basically  
13 it's going to tell me certain things about the hair  
14 immediately. If it's animal hair or human.

15 THE COURT: Will the witness stand on the other  
16 side of the board so counsel can hear you also.

17 THE WITNESS: From the low power scope, the first  
18 thing I can tell is a human hair or an animal hair. If  
19 it's an animal hair, I can tell you what kind of an animal.

20 If it's human hair, I can tell you certain things.  
21 First, race, one of the three major races.

22 Second thing I can tell you is body area, one of  
23 the seven specific areas of your body: Head hair, pubic  
24 hair, et cetera.

25 Normally, I can look at the root end and tell you

1 how this hair came out, whether it came out naturally, as  
2 result of shedding process, or whether force was applied to  
3 remove the hair.

4 Look at the tip, tell you whether it's been cut,  
5 broken or just natural tip. I can look at the shaft and  
6 tell you whether anything has been done to that hair.  
7 Whether it's been bleached, dyed or permed or anything like  
8 that.

9 The characteristics that are actually going to  
10 make your hair different from mine are very tiny. To see  
11 them, I've got to use a much more powerful microscope, so I  
12 take it off the first microscope, put it on a second  
13 microscope, a high power research microscope, and then what  
14 I'm going to do is look inside the hair shafts, so that's  
15 what the bottom diagram is. It's the cross section or  
16 length-wise of the hair.

17 By looking at the three regions, the outer region,  
18 the middle, and this third region, I'm going to identify  
19 the characteristic in that hair. It may be the scales on  
20 the outside. It might be what are called the medullary  
21 cells on the inside, or the pigment in the area called the  
22 cortex.

23 And, what I'm going to do is, I'm going to catalog  
24 and identify all of the characteristics I can find. I've  
25 got to find at least 15 of these microscopic

1 characteristics, but if I can't find 15, I will say the  
2 hair is no good. Most normal or average hair will have  
3 around 20.

4 Well, the reason these characteristics are so  
5 important is because they are arranged slightly differently  
6 in almost everybody's hair. I don't want to mislead you.  
7 It never goes to the point of a fingerprint. I can never  
8 take the person's hair and say it comes from this person  
9 and nobody else in the world.

10 But in 18 years of doing this, I have looked at  
11 literally thousands and thousands of hairs, I have only had  
12 three occasions so far where I have had hair from two  
13 different people I couldn't tell apart.

14 This is going to lead us to the third and last  
15 step. I'm going to put my unknown hair and compare it  
16 against my known. That is done on a third microscope  
17 that's called a comparison microscope. And really what I'm  
18 doing is looking at the two hairs. The characteristics and  
19 how they are arranged of the two hairs. When I do this, I  
20 come up with one of two conclusions about the unknown hair.

21 First of all, if there is one significant  
22 difference between the unknown hair and the known, I can  
23 positively eliminate somebody. So I can say, "Yes, this  
24 hair did not come from this person."

25 Second conclusion would be, if all the



1 characteristics are the same, the same arrangement, so that  
2 the two hairs are what we call microscopically  
3 indistinguishable, cannot tell them apart, I then say the  
4 unknown hair matches the hairs of this particular  
5 individual and this hair is consistent with coming from  
6 that person.

7 Q Did you have occasion in the course of this  
8 investigation to compare unknown hairs to the hairs of  
9 Agent Camarena's?

10 A Yes, I did.

11 Q And, for instance, did you obtain some hairs from the  
12 items recovered from a Mercury Marquis, Exhibit 40 and 41?

13 A Yes, I did.

14 Q Exhibit 40 was the floormat. Did you subject that to  
15 some process to obtain the hairs?

16 A Yes, I did. I removed the hairs and examined them.

17 Q Were hairs identified in the vacuum sweepings as well?

18 A Yes, they were.

19 Q And those hairs were compared to the known hairs of  
20 Agent Camarena?

21 A Yes, they were.

22 Q And did you come to some sort of conclusion as to  
23 whether they were consistent?

24 A Yes. I actually found two hairs, one from the mat,  
25 one from the vacuum sweepings, dark brown head hairs.

1 These head hairs exhibited exactly the same characteristics  
2 as did the head hairs of Special Agent Camarena. I  
3 concluded that the two hairs from the mat and the vacuum  
4 sweeping of the Mercury were consistent with coming from  
5 Special Agent Camarena.

6 Q Now, there is a chart up on the easel. I believe  
7 that's marked as Exhibit 79.

8 A That is correct.

9 Q And what does that chart represent?

10 A Exhibit 79 is a chart showing some photographs of the  
11 two hairs, the hair I examined from the Mercury, in  
12 particular being from the floormat, and as compared to the  
13 head hair sample of Special Agent Camarena.

14 We have three views of the same hair from the  
15 floormat on the left, three views of Special Agent  
16 Camarena's hairs. They exhibited the exact same  
17 characteristics in every case. That's what led me to  
18 conclude the hair from the mat was consistent with coming  
19 from him.

20 Q You arrived at the same conclusion in regard to a hair  
21 from the vacuum sweepings?

22 A Yes, sir, I did.

23 Q Did you also obtain and compare from the vacuum  
24 sweepings of the guest house hairs that you compared with  
25 the known hairs of Agent Camarena?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q And did any of those hairs match the known hairs of  
3 Agent Camarena?

4 A Yes. There were two hairs, one in Quadrant A and one  
5 in Quadrant B. This shows one of the two. Again, I found  
6 a brown head hair in the sweepings from the guest house,  
7 compared it against the head hair of Special Agent  
8 Camarena. He had a large amount of variation in his head  
9 hair.

10 Found that the two hairs from the guest house, and  
11 again this is three views of one hair, compared against  
12 three views of Special Agent Camarena's hair, found that  
13 the hairs from the guest house exhibited the same  
14 characteristics as did the head hairs of Special Agent  
15 Camarena. And the two hairs from the guest house were  
16 consistent with coming from him.

17 Q Was there anything unusual in either of these hairs  
18 from the guest house?

19 A Yes. One of the hairs had been forcibly removed or  
20 force had been applied to the hair.

21 Q How could you tell that?

22 A The basal end, and that's the end toward the root, had  
23 no root. The base was gone, had literally been snapped  
24 off. It had kind of a frayed appearance at the basal end  
25 showing me that force had been applied to the hair.

1 Q And did you find hairs in the vacuum sweepings from  
2 the Volkswagon Atlantic, Exhibits 69 and 70, that you  
3 compared to the hairs of Agent Camarena?

4 A Yes, actually in two places.

5 Q And did any of these hairs match?

6 A Yes. In two of the vacuum sweepings from the  
7 Volkswagon Atlantic, one from the front and one from the  
8 rear, one hair being in each set of vacuum sweepings, I  
9 found a forcibly removed head hair. Again, this is a head  
10 hair which is a little bit different in that it has been  
11 sun bleached. It's the distal portion of the hair which  
12 the sun has turned a kind of a reddish brown.

13 Again, it exhibited exactly the same  
14 characteristics as the distal portion of Special Agent  
15 Camarena's hairs. And I concluded that the two forcibly  
16 removed hairs from the Volkswagon were consistent with  
17 coming from Special Agent Camarena.

18 Q And the chart you've been pointing to is Exhibit 84-A,  
19 I believe.

20 A That is correct.

21 Q Did you find hairs in the vacuum sweepings from the  
22 bedroom four that matched the hairs of Agent Camarena?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 Q And the adjacent bathroom to bedroom four?

25 A Only in the bedroom four.

1 Q I'm sorry, yes. How many?

2 A In the vacuum sweepings from bedroom four, that's the  
3 very rear bedroom, I found one, again, forcibly removed  
4 dark brown head hair. You can see the very base of the  
5 root of this hair. You can see how it's been literally  
6 torn out of the follicle.

7 I looked at it. It had exactly the same  
8 microscopic characteristics as did a head hair in Special  
9 Agent Camarena's sample and, therefore, I concluded that  
10 the forcibly removed head hair from bedroom four was  
11 consistent with coming from Special Agent Camarena.

12 Q And, again, the chart you've been referring to has  
13 been marked for identification as Exhibit 85A?

14 A That is correct.

15 Q Did you examine the sample of burial sheet obtained by  
16 Special Agent Dillon from the Guadalajara morgue?

17 A Yes, I did.

18 Q Was this subjected to a scraping process?

19 A Yes, it was.

20 Q Did you find hairs as a result of that process that  
21 you compared to the known hairs of Agent Camarena?

22 A Yes. On the burial sheet from the morgue, again,  
23 there were dark brown head hairs which matched the hairs of  
24 Special Agent Camarena.

25 Q And, likewise, did you examine hairs found on the

1 blindfold Exhibit 42-C?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q And compare those to the known hairs of Agent  
4 Camarena?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q Likewise, did you obtain any matches?

7 A Yes. On the blindfold there were literally hundreds  
8 of dark brown head hairs. I took a representative sample  
9 of these hairs and all of them again matched the head hairs  
10 of Special Agent Camarena.

11 Q During the scraping process of these various items,  
12 did you obtain in addition to hairs other items of  
13 evidentiary value?

14 A From the blindfold, yes. I obtained carpet fibers.

15 Q And were you able to compare these carpets fibers to  
16 the carpet samples, the known fibers that you had obtained  
17 from the location?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q Did any of those fibers match?

20 A Yes, two different types did match.

21 Q Can you briefly describe the process that you have to  
22 go through in order to match carpet fibers?

23 A Again, it's a microscopic examination of the carpet  
24 fibers. But we go one step further. We have an instrument  
25 that can also analyze the carpet fibers.

1           And very briefly, you are trying to do one of  
2           three things with carpet fibers. First of all, you are  
3           trying to determine what do they look like, and you do that  
4           with the microscope and just observing the microscopic  
5           characteristics of the carpet fiber.

6           The second thing you can do, is determine what is  
7           it made of or what kind of a fiber it is. And I did this  
8           two ways. Basically, first of all, I did some tests, some  
9           chemical tests, optical tests and identified one of the  
10          fibers as a polyester and the other as a nylon.

11          And then I took it one step further. I took both  
12          of these fibers, samples of these fibers, to DuPont up in  
13          Wilmington, Delaware, which probably knows more about  
14          carpet fibers than anybody in the country, and they  
15          identified the polyester carpet fiber as a Dacron and the  
16          nylon fiber as unbranded DuPont nylon.

17          And, lastly, on one of the fibers, the polyester  
18          fibers from the blindfold, it had enough dye in it, it was  
19          kind of a dark rose color, that I was able to analyze the  
20          dye in that fiber and compare it back to some of the fibers  
21          from bedroom number three of 881 Lope de Vega.

22        Q     If we could lower that chart, and I believe there is  
23               an Exhibit 87-A. Do you recognize that?

24        A     Yes, I do.

25        Q     What does that depict?

1 A Exhibit 87-A again is a chart with two columns. On  
2 the left-hand column is one of the unbranded DuPont nylon  
3 carpet fibers taken off of the sweatshirt of Alfredo  
4 Zavala.

5 And the right hand-column is four views of the  
6 known sample of the unbranded DuPont nylon carpet fibers  
7 out of the guest house carpet.

8 Again, I compared all the characteristics that I  
9 could, found out that all of them matched, and concluded  
10 that the fibers from the sweatshirt were consistent with  
11 coming from the guest house carpet.

12 Q If you would look at the next chart, Exhibit 88-A.  
13 And what does that chart show?

14 A Exhibit 88-A is a second fiber chart. This shows one  
15 of the light colored polyester, Dacron polyester fibers.  
16 And this was taken off of the burial sheet of -- the  
17 Camarena's burial sheet.

18 On the right hand column is three views of the  
19 Dacron polyester fiber that would come out of Bedroom 4 and  
20 the rear den area.

21 And, again, I was able to compare all of the  
22 characteristics of light colored Dacron to the sheet to the  
23 light colored Dacron in Bedroom 4 and the den. And all the  
24 characteristics where the same.

25 So, again, I concluded that the carpet fiber from



1 the sheet was consistent with coming from either Bedroom 4  
2 or the rear den area.

3 Q Looking at the next chart, Exhibit 89-B. What does  
4 that chart show?

5 A Exhibit 89-B is the dark rose colored fiber that came  
6 off of the blindfold, adhesive tape blindfold. Again, it's  
7 a Dacron polyester rose color. It is compared against the  
8 Dacron polyester from Bedroom 3 of 881 Lope de Vega.

9 I was able to do all of the microscopic  
10 characteristics. And, in addition, I was able to analyze  
11 the dyes in both of the unknown and known carpet fibers,  
12 and they all matched.

13 So basically I concluded that the rose colored  
14 carpet fiber from the blindfold adhesive was consistent  
15 with coming from Bedroom 3 of 881 Lope de Vega.

16 Q Now, in the course of your investigation did you also  
17 compare these various items of fabric that you've  
18 described?

19 A Yes, I did.

20 Q That would be a sample of the burial sheet obtained  
21 from the morgue, piece of the burial sheet obtained by you  
22 from the Mexican police, a pillow case found by you in an  
23 upstairs bedroom, and a sample of a pillow case obtained  
24 from the Mexican police; correct?

25 A That is correct.

1 Q Now, what was it you did in comparing these samples of  
2 fabric?

3 A When you do a fabric exam, what you are doing is  
4 basically four things. You are determining the color of  
5 the fabric, the composition, what it is made of, the  
6 construction, how is it constructed, and finally the design  
7 that's on the fabric, comparing all four of these.

8 Q And what is the comparison process? What do you do?

9 MR. BLANCARTE: Your Honor, there is no dispute as  
10 to any of this evidence. I don't know if this is  
11 necessary.

12 THE COURT: Go ahead, Counsel.

13 BY MR. CARLTON:

14 Q Well, in the course of your comparison what  
15 conclusions did you arrive at?

16 A Basically, that the pillow case from the upstairs  
17 bedroom, the pillow case represented as Bedroom 3, and the  
18 fabric from the burial sheet had exactly the same color,  
19 that was the light blue with the white polka dots, had  
20 exactly the same construction, had exactly the same  
21 composition, and had exactly the same design. I concluded  
22 that the two pillow cases and the burial sheet where  
23 consistent with coming from a common source, such as a set  
24 that you might buy.

25 Q Now did you also have occasion to compare the various

1 samples of rope bindings and rope that were obtained in  
2 this investigation?

3 A Yes, I did.

4 Q And let me, just to point out for the record, that the  
5 chart that you were referring to I believe is Exhibit 92-A;  
6 is that correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And the samples of rope that you compared were several  
9 samples of rope obtained by Agent Dillon in the morgue?  
10 Sample of rope obtained by you from the Mexican police in  
11 Guadalajara which was soiled, and then a cleaned sample of  
12 rope; correct?

13 A That is correct.

14 Q And was there anything about these samples of rope  
15 that was significant to you?

16 A Yes. The two soiled samples and the clean sample,  
17 again, they had all the same construction, composition,  
18 diameter and color. But they had one very unusual feature  
19 in that the tracer of the rope, and the tracer of the rope  
20 is a fiber that you put right down the middle that you can  
21 braid or wind your other pieces of rope around, was made of  
22 a very highly unusual fiber called an undrawn polyester.

23 Q Did you come to some conclusion as a result of your  
24 comparison?

25 A Yes. The clean rope and the two soiled ropes were

1 consistent with coming from the same source.

2 Q And did you also have occasion to compare various  
3 items of tape that were obtained in the course of the  
4 investigation?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q Those items being a sample obtained by Agent Dillon at  
7 the morgue and then the blindfold received by you through  
8 the F.B.I. mail?

9 A Yes, I did.

10 Q What did you compare?

11 A The sample that was received by me from the adhesive  
12 tape blindfold and the sample that Agent Dillon took at the  
13 autopsy at the Guadalajara morgue were exactly the same in  
14 color, composition, construction and diameter. And I  
15 concluded that the tape from the blindfold was consistent  
16 with coming from the same source that Agent Dillon had  
17 taken from the morgue.

18 Q Now, based upon the analysis that you performed in  
19 these five separate areas of forensic comparison analysis,  
20 that's hairs, fibers, fabric, cordage and tape, did you  
21 reach a conclusion as to the association of Special Agent  
22 Camarena and the residence at 881 Lope de Vega?

23 A Yes, I did. I concluded that at some point in time  
24 Special Agent Camarena was at 881 Lope de Vega. And with  
25 respect to the guest house and Bedroom 4, he was in a

1 position where his hairs could be forcibly removed.

2 Q I believe you should have in front of you now what  
3 were marked as Exhibits 170 and 171.

4 A 160 --

5 Q 160 and 161. Do you recognize those?

6 A Yes, I do.

7 Q What are they?

8 A Government's Exhibit 161 is a just folded piece of  
9 paper that originally contained a head hair sample of Mr.  
10 Espino-Verdin. And Government's Exhibit 160 was the F.B.I.  
11 mailing envelope which originally contained the hair  
12 sample.

13 Q Did you have occasion to compare those hairs with  
14 Exhibit 55, which are the hairs obtained from the vacuum  
15 sweepings of quadrant three of the guest house?

16 A Yes, I did.

17 Q And was there a match between any of those hairs?

18 A Yes. In quadrant number three from the guest house,  
19 there was one dark brown head hair. I compared it to the  
20 head hairs of Mr. Espino-Verdin. This was again very dark,  
21 unusual head hair. It had all the characteristics, as did  
22 the head hairs of Mr. Espino-Verdin. I concluded that the  
23 single hair from quadrant three of the guest house was  
24 consistent with coming from Mr. Espino-Verdin.

25 Q Now did you also have occasion to compare the known

1     hairs of Rene Verdugo that you obtained with hairs obtained  
2     from vacuum sweepings of the guest house in quadrant two?

3     A     Yes, I did.

4     Q     And as a result of that comparison, did you find any  
5     matches?

6     A     Yes, I did.

7     Q     I should point out for the record that the chart you  
8     were referring to in relation to the hair of Espino-Verdin  
9     was 94-A.

10    A     That is correct.

11    Q     All right. Now if you would look at chart 95-A. What  
12    does that chart depict?

13    A     Chart 95-A again is two views. The view on the left  
14    is the unknown hair coming from the guest house at 881 Lope  
15    de Vega. The right-hand chart is three views of one of Mr.  
16    Rene Verdugo's head hairs. And, again, all the  
17    characteristics from the guest house Quadrant B matched all  
18    of the characteristic of the head hairs of Mr. Verdugo, and  
19    I concluded that this one head hair from Quadrant B was  
20    consistent with coming from Mr. Verdugo.

21    Q     Now, was this quadrant where Mr. Verdugo's head hair  
22    was found, the same quadrant as the forcibly removed hair  
23    of Agent Camarena had been found?

24    A     Yes, it was.

25    Q     Now you also performed vacuum sweepings of quadrant

1 two of the guest house?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q Did you find any hairs there that you compared to the  
4 known hairs of Juan Ramon Matta-Ballesteros?

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q Did you make any matches in that comparison?

7 A Yes. In quadrant B, again, I found another dark brown  
8 mixed race head hair. On the left is three views of the  
9 unknown hair from quadrant B, a second unknown hair from  
10 quadrant B of the guest house. The view on the right is  
11 three views of the hairs of Mr. Matta-Ballesteros.

12 And, again, all of the characteristics from the  
13 second unknown hair from quadrant B matched all of the  
14 characteristics of the hairs of Mr. Matta-Ballesteros.

15 And, again, I concluded that this second hair from  
16 quadrant B was consistent with coming from Mr.  
17 Matta-Ballesteros.

18 Q Did you also examine vacuum sweepings from the  
19 bathroom adjacent to bedroom four of the main house?

20 A Yes, I did.

21 Q Did you find any hairs in those sweepings that you  
22 compared to the known hairs of Juan Ramon  
23 Matta-Ballesteros?

24 A In addition to the hair from the guest house, from the  
25 bathroom of bedroom four, I found a second dark brown head

1 hair which also matched Mr. Matta-Ballesteros.

2 Q For the record, the chart that you were describing in  
3 relation to the hair comparison of Juan Ramon  
4 Matta-Ballesteros is 96-A; correct?

5 A That is correct.

6 Q Agent Malone, is there any correlation between the  
7 length of time that a hair or fiber is deposited, say on a  
8 piece of clothing, and how long the hair or fiber might  
9 remain in that location?

10 A There has been quite a bit of studies on the transfer  
11 of hairs and fibers, mainly by the English, and what they  
12 have shown is that after hairs and fibers are transferred,  
13 they don't stay around very long.

14 In the case of fibers, within four hours you are  
15 going to lose 80 percent of all the fibers which were  
16 transferred, and within two days you are going to lose 96  
17 percent.

18 With respect to hairs, the average life of a hair  
19 after it has been transferred to an object, again, is about  
20 two days.

21 Q Is there any correlation between the length of time  
22 that a person spends in a room or a particular location and  
23 the chances of depositing hairs there?

24 A Well, again, since you are losing about a hundred  
25 hairs a day, every day of your life, common sense tells you



1 the longer you are there, the more hairs you are going to  
2 deposit. And the shorter time, the less.

3 Q Now, if you would look at what has been marked as  
4 Exhibit 98, the large chart.

5 THE COURT: I think we will save that until  
6 tomorrow.

7 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I can finish my direct  
8 in two minutes.

9 THE COURT: All right, then do so.

10 BY MR. CARLTON:

11 Q What does that describe?

12 A It's just a summary chart of all the types of evidence  
13 that was found in the cars and 881 Lope de Vega and on the  
14 items from Special Agent Camarena.

15 MR. CARLTON: Now, Your Honor, Agent Malone has  
16 small photographs of each of the hair comparison charts  
17 that he described. I would ask for permission for him to  
18 put them on Exhibits 81 and 82, indicating the location  
19 from which the items compared were obtained.

20 THE COURT: Well, he can do that tomorrow. I  
21 assume these counsel want to cross-examine this witness; is  
22 that correct?

23 MR. MEDVENE: I have no questions for this  
24 witness.

25 MR. RUBIN: I have some brief questions.

1 THE COURT: You have a few.

2 MR. RUBIN: Very brief, five minutes.

3 THE COURT: Well, why does he need to do it? What  
4 is it that you want?

5 MR. CARLTON: If they can be put there, that's  
6 fine. He doesn't need to do it.

7 THE COURT: Aren't they already marked?

8 MR. CARLTON: These are velcro.

9 THE COURT: I understand. But those are where the  
10 photographs will be placed?

11 MR. CARLTON: That is correct.

12 THE COURT: It doesn't need to be done now, does  
13 it?

14 MR. CARLTON: No. We can do it in the morning, if  
15 you prefer.

16 That's all I have.

17 THE COURT: Can you finish in a few minutes here,  
18 Counsel?

19 MR. RUBIN: I'd rather wait until the morning,  
20 Your Honor.

21 MR. CARLTON: Your Honor, I move the admission of  
22 all of the evidence that Agent Malone has discussed.

23 THE COURT: They may be admitted.

24 (Exhibits 81, 82, 66, 67, 68A-B, 6, 70, 71-75,  
25 76, 42A-G, 95A, 96A, 98 160, 161, 50A-H, 78, 79,

1 84A, 85A, 87A, 88A, 89B, 92A, 160 received.)

2 THE COURT: We'll take our afternoon recess at  
3 this time and reconvene this case tomorrow morning at 9:30.

4 The jury will please remember what I have told you  
5 repeatedly about discussing the case or about exposing  
6 yourself to any publicity about the case. You are excused.

7 By the way, alternates one and two may sit on this  
8 side tomorrow and in these two chairs that are available  
9 here.

10 JUROR TWO: Your Honor, I had a question during  
11 the break but I didn't --

12 THE COURT: You asked the clerk?

13 JUROR TWO: I did ask the clerk.

14 THE COURT: Just a moment. You may be excused.

15 JUROR TWO: It involves the jury.

16 THE COURT: Just a moment, please. I would  
17 suggest you write it down, whatever it is you want to ask  
18 me, sir, and bring it in in the morning.

19 JUROR TWO: All right: It involves --

20 THE COURT: Well, I don't want you to say what it  
21 involves, sir. If it involves anything at all, I want you  
22 to write it.

23 You are all excused.

24 (Proceedings adjourned.)

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